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'MITCH' SET TO RETURN

BY TOM McKAIN

SOCCEROO striker David Mitchell could be back in Australia soon and lining up for Adelaide City in the National League.

The big front-runner now seems certain to quit Glasgow Rangers when his contract expires in June.

Keen to retain his place in the Socceroo squad for the World Cup, Mitchell is considering returning to Australia to play for City then Australia in the qualifying Cup games.

According to his father, former professional Jim Mitchell, who has just returned from a visit to Scot-

land, David has become disenchanted with Rangers.

Manager Jock Wallace has him in and out of the team and when he was dropped against Aberdeen recently after scoring five goals in six games it was the last straw.

Aberdeen won 5-1. "I can't see David signing on again with Rangers," said his father.

"City would like him to play for them this season and he is consid-

ering coming home."

However, Mitchell will return to the UK after his stint with the Socceroos.

Two English clubs and another Scottish Premier Division side are interested in signing him.

Mitchell was signed for Rangers by John Greig, who was replaced as manager by Wallace.

Meanwhile, City failed in a bid to sign English star Terry McDermott or Scotland's Derek Parlane. McDermott is in dis-

Disenchanted with Rangers

pute with Jack Charlton at Newcastle, while Parlane said he prefers to return to Scotland when he quits Manchester City.

City have one of their main sponsors, Fairmont Homes, willing to put up the cash for a big name to sign for a full season.

**COUNTDOWN TO '85
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All the stars are in ASW

JOE SENKALSKI

STAYING WITH
NEWCASTLE



ROY COTTON

MOVING TO
ST GEORGE



EDITORIAL

COMMONSENSE NEEDED TO END DISPUTES

THREE Sydney National League players were not happy with the results of their transfer fee appeals.

The players all had their fees reduced — but not by as much as they would have liked.

John Bradley appealed against a \$25,000 fee placed on him by Apia Leichhardt. That was reduced to \$20,000.

Bradley's teammate at Leichhardt, Ian Gray, also had \$25,000 on his head, but his fee was

brought down to \$22,000.

Sydney Croatia defender Lee Sterrey's \$10,000 fee was reduced to \$8,000.

All three have indicated they will appeal again in an attempt to have their fees lowered further.

Players — particularly young players — risk being priced out of the game on a deflated transfer market.

The clubs concerned would argue that the proposed fees would compensate for

the replacement value of the players in question.

However, clubs no longer splash out big transfer fees for players. A couple of years ago Sydney was the big-money capital of Australian soccer, with clubs like Sydney City and Sydney Olympic prepared to spend a fortune on transfer fees.

It is indicative of the current state of the game that those two clubs now place more emphasis on developing their own youngsters to eventually replace their senior stars.

At this stage only one Sydney club has outlayed a five-figure fee on a single transfer — Sydney Croatia's payment of \$25,000

for Jimmy Patikas.

Naturally, whenever a transfer fee is involved both clubs — buyer and seller — indulge in a certain amount of gamesmanship.

Another player at the centre of a transfer dispute is Baz Giampaolo. He played in Inter-Monaro's State League winning team last year but Leichhardt want another \$10,000 to allow him to play for Monaro in their inaugural National League season.

In most cases commonsense will prevail. Rarely is a club so stubborn and unsympathetic as to force a player out of the game.

Let's hope that doesn't happen to Bradley, Gray, Sterrey or Giampaolo.

INJURY RULES OUT SWAN

BY GREG RUSSELL

AN unusual bone injury looks set to keep busy Brisbane City midfielder Ken Swan on the sidelines for much of this season.

Swan, 24, a Grange Thistle player who played on loan at City last season, has been told by a specialist that rest is the only cure for the injury.

Swan said he had been told his pubic bones were out of alignment and putting extreme pressure on his stomach.

The pain plagued him throughout last season but because of City's lack of depth he was forced to play on. But the pain became un-

bearable in a trial game a fortnight ago and he was forced to leave the field.

It took Swan to see three different doctors before he was correctly diagnosed.

The injury is a further chapter in what is becoming a complex career for Swan, a former Australian Schoolboy representative.

Last year he was involved in a transfer

wrangle between Thistle and City and it was only after extensive negotiations that he was released to play on loan.

And although City were keen to have Swan in their NSL squad this season, the club once again balked at the \$12,500 transfer fee slapped on by Thistle.

"With injuries and high transfer fees it looks like I will never get a clear go," Swan said.

CANBERRA CITY ANNOUNCE BIG SPONSORSHIP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS (formerly Canberra Arrows) will receive \$250,000 sponsorship over the next two years in a packaged, syndicated deal.

James Hardie Industries will be the major sponsor of the syndicated sponsors in the two-year deal, along with other members of the consortium, which includes Bega Dairy Products, the Hellenic Club of Canberra and Coca-Cola.

The sponsorship is the biggest in the history of Australian club soccer.

A detailed announcement will be made at a press function tomorrow at 11am at the

Downer Olympic Soccer Club in Dickson.

Mr John Brown, the Federal Minister of Sport, Tourism and Recreation, will make the announcement to press and officials at the function.

James Hardie, the giant manufacturer of building materials, also sponsors other sporting bodies, including the Parramatta rugby league team and motor sports.

Canberra City Olympians' playing colours of blue and gold are identical to the Parramatta league team.

It is assumed Olympians will again be coached by Englishman Doug Collins.

A contract has again been offered to Collins, although he still hasn't signed.

The club will be without Youth Soccerroo winger Frank Farina, who was sold in the off-season to NSL Northern Division champions Sydney City.



□ JOHN BROWN

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SANDY QUILTS BLACKTOWN

BY BRAD EARL

ENGLISH striker Adam Sandy will not be returning to Australia to play for Blacktown City as expected.

Sandy informed the club that his wife is having a baby and they have decided to remain in England.

When he returned to England to renew his visa at the end of last season, Sandy expressed a desire to continue his career with the Demons in 1985.

Sandy only joined the club at the start of last season, having played for English Fourth Division club Northampton.

Initially used as a midfielder, he was successfully switched to the forward-line, where his ability to win the ball in the air was used to advantage by Blacktown.

The loss of Sandy will mean a re-think for coach Casey de Bruin, who had planned on using him up-front with Phil O'Connor and John Bradley.

Bradley still has not signed for the club as negotiations between Blacktown and his club Apia Leichhardt continue over the transfer fee, set at \$20,000 by the NSW appeals board.

Sandy's decision presents club product Johnny Larkin, 21, with a great opportunity to secure a place in the forward-line at the Gabbie.

Left-footer Larkin will lead the Demons' attack in their Ampol Cup quarter-final against Avala on Friday night.



□ ADAM SANDY (front) is tackled by Alex Robertson during an NSL match for Blacktown City last season.



□ JOHNNY LARKIN



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CROATIA OUT OF CUP RACE

BY BRAD EARL

ANOTHER National League team crashed out of the NSW Ampol Cup at the hands of a State League club at Marconi Stadium on Friday night.

Sydney Croatia followed Inter-Monaro and Marconi out of the Cup race when they lost 4-2 on penalties to Parramatta Melita after the score was deadlocked at 1-1 at the end of normal and extra-time.

Croatia grabbed the ascendancy early, with skilful midfielders Jimmy Patikas, Wally Savor and Marijan Kovacic, aided by right-back Alex Kovacic, building up some good moves on the right flank.

But it was Melita who opened the scoring in the 16th minute. Left-back Jay O'Rourke punted the ball forward from the halfway line, Croatia stopper Tommy Basic badly mistimed his header and Barry Walker pounced with a shot from 18 metres.

However, Croatia were back on level terms in the 33rd minute when Patikas shot low and straight into the net from just inside the penalty area.

Patikas almost put Croatia ahead after

two minutes of extra-time, but his powerful free-kick was pushed up onto the crossbar by Melita goalkeeper Steve Giffin.

Two minutes later came what must qualify for the "miss of the year", even at this early stage of the season.

Patikas sent Savor away through the middle. With no defender in sight, Savor rounded Giffin on the edge of the penalty area, steadied himself, yet somehow sidefooted the ball wide of the post.

Croatia lost the penalty shootout when David Rezo's shot was saved by Giffin and Arnold hit the post.

For Melita, O'Rourke, Walker, Johnny McKie and Kenny Wilson were successful with their kicks.

Man of the match: Croatia's recent \$25,000 buy **JIMMY PATIKAS**, who looks like recapturing the creative sparkle that went missing from his game with Sydney Olympic last season.

PARRAMATTA MELITA



□ JIMMY PATIKAS on the ball.

TA: Giffin, McPherson, O'Rourke, Wilson, McCoy, Laing, McAusland, Vlat, McKie, Walker, Allan.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse, A. Kovacic,

Tomasich, Vidale, Basic, Savor, Patikas, M. Kovacic, Woods (Meades 53), Arnold, Jurin (Rezo 73).

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

CROWD: 3,050.

ENTERPRISING LEE STARS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

EDDIE THOMSON's patched-up Sydney City, after being let off the hook in the first half, came back strongly to knock Frank Arok's St George out of the 1985 NSW Ampol Cup with a 2-1 win at St George Stadium.

Notoriously slow starters every season, Sydney City, led by magnificent performances by flank-striker Grant Lee and centre-back Gerardo Gomez, displayed sparkling enterprise in the second half to cut loose and have the Saints on the canvas.

Sydney City went in without seven of their stars, including club skipper Murray Barnes, Tony Pezzano, John Kosmina, Paul Kay, Alex Robertson, Steve O'Connor and Joe Watson.

Saints missed three chances in the first half and paid dearly for it, despite their World Cup goalkeeper Terry Greedy magnificently saving a penalty hit in the 30th minute from Peter Falconer.

After a scoreless first half, Sydney City took over with Lee and Gomez in full command.

Left striker Graeme Fletcher latched onto a nice pass from sweeper



□ GRANT LEE climbs high for a header.

Keith Falconer in the 55th minute to belt a shot into the net.

Lee's constant raids brought him dividends in the 57th minute when, switching to the left flank, he busted clear. At full pace and from 15 metres on an angle, Lee let fly a scorching low drive to bury St George.

Fifteen minutes from the end, Saints' new striker Roy Cotton cracked a 15 metre drive from right in front to score.

But Andrew Koczka should have levelled the score when he missed, despite having veteran striker Dez Marton free on his left.

It is early in the season, but Lee and

Gomez should both come under the close scrutiny of Arok and Thomson for international selection.

The two Sydney City players have what our international squad lacks... pace, penetration and recovery.

Man of the match: GRANT LEE who scored a brilliant goal, constantly raided intelligently and always looked constructive.

ST GEORGE: Greedy; Skeen, M.O'Shea, Natcliffe, Koczka; J.O'Shea (Ricoy 54), Stone, Barton; Slater, Cotton, Marton.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke; Rodrigues, Gomez, K. Falconer, De Marigny; Patterson (Lynch 56), P. Falconer, A. Bottalico, Murray; Lee, Fletcher (Foxman 68).

REFEREE: T. Davies.

CROWD: 940.

PENRITH'S 'PANTERS'

BY KEITH GILMOUR

PENRITH's Soccer Panthers panted their way home to a 1-0 Ampol Cup win over Wollongong's Wolves and cubs at Marconi on Friday night.

They can count themselves lucky indeed that the Wollongong forwards and midfielders dismally failed to put away all of the many chances they kept creating.

The game reached no great heights. The worthwhile element was that ability to find spaces and get players through, but the crowd had no reason to shout over the shooting.

Alex Bundalo, Bernie Godzik, Dominic Giannone, Zivko Hristovski, Peter Kotamanidis and Phil Kerr all had distinct chances for Wollongong, and Ian Hunter and David Shute for Penrith.

Peter Nix grabbed what turned out to be the winner in the ninth minute after Randall Easthorpe's cross caught the Wollongong defence flatfooted.

The Wolves three times could have made up the leeway. Godzik dispatched a simple left footer outside the post and Giannone missed from right under the posts.

Replacement Hristovski in the 65th mi-

nute found that his screamer of a free-kick was miraculously pushed into the bar by Mike Gibson.

Kotamanidis could well have capitalised on the rebound but he drove over.

Meanwhile, big Dave McIntosh marshalled the Penrith defence and Shute's late shot missed the mark.

Penrith need the likes of Brian Jackson and Ian Wotherspoon back. Wollongong's Scott Dickson has commenced training after glandular fever and Ken Boden and Paul Kirwan could join the club.

Man of the match: RANDALL EASTHORPE for his ability to lay on excellent balls from the wing, ahead of Wollongong's wide-running and tricky Dominic Giannone.

PENRITH CITY: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Carboni, McIntosh, Campbell, Hunter (Felix 74) Tooney, Lowe (Shute 54), Nix, Easthorpe.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Vardareff, Green, Dummett, Condren, Vilestis, Kerr, Godzik (Hristovski 41), Bundalo, Willis, Kotamanidis (Brodnik), Giannone.

REFEREE: K. Small.

CROWD: 2,580.

Avala walk it in

A MIXTURE of experience and youth has taken Avala into the quarter-finals of the NSW Ampol Cup against Blacktown City following their 3-1 victory over Bankstown National at St George Stadium.

Bankstown had more goal attempts in the first half than their opponents... only to come away empty-handed.

BY FRANK COLETTA

The opening goal came just before the interval in the 37th minute. Bankstown's centre-forward Hassan crashed a superb drive from some 22 metres goalward only to see it hit the post.

With the Bankstown players still reeling their hard luck, Avala pounced with a long ball played to young winger Micky Bratkovic, who was able to slide it home from an angle.

Avala led 1-0 at the break, but Bankstown came out in the second half determinedly seeking an equaliser.

Hammoud curled in the cross from the right that provided their goal: with the wind assisting it, the ball travelled goalward and Avala's

John Lembryk scored an own goal with a perfect header!

In the 70th minute Bratkovic got on the scoring list yet again as Don Brown played an incisive ball through the heart of the Bankstown defence. Bratkovic met it with a well-timed run and kept his head to beat the keeper with a good shot.

The match was sealed six minutes from the end when Manuel Da Silva, the Avala defender, crossed and Ismail deflected the ball past his keeper for the game's second own goal.

For Avala the best were Andy Tracey, Ray Carney and to an extent Bratkovic, who although he scored a brace of goals could have had two or three more.

Man of the match: With unyielding persistence, drive and fortitude, Avala veteran ANDY TRACEY controlled the middle of the park.

AVALA: Ahrens, Lucchesi, Stetja, Lambryk, Da Silva, Coates, Brown, Tracey, Nedie (Carney 8), Milne (Deller 47), Bratkovic.

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL: Maamary, Agostino, Green (Kamaleidine 76), Meerban, Ismail, Rajab, Hammoud (Stefanos 57), Hassan, Hassan, Ethussain, Lahoud.

REFEREE: A. Owens.

CROWD: 940.

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

1985 AMPOL CUP ROUND 3 QUARTER-FINALS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8, 1985
MARCONI STADIUM

7pm
Blacktown City v
Avala

8.30pm
Penrith City v
Parramatta Melita Eagles

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10, 1985
ST GEORGE STADIUM

4.30pm
Manly Warringah v
Rockdale Ilinden

6pm
Sydney City v
Apia Leichhardt





CHIT CHAT



□ JOHN BRADLEY: transfer troubles.

JOHN BRADLEY was not amused when we told him his transfer fee had been cut from \$25,000 to \$20,000. Bradley, the Leichhardt midfielder, summed up his feelings in one word ... "ridiculous."

The little Scot wants to play for Blacktown City but Blacktown's bid was only \$10,000. Here's a strange twist to the story. A week before the NSW Federation decided \$20,000 was the right fee, Leichhardt were prepared to accept \$15,000 for Bradley.

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REPORTS filtering back from the UK indicate that South Australia's Tony Dorigo looks a great prospect for Aston Villa.

In fact one person who watched Dorigo in action recently predicted: "He'll be an even bigger success than Craig Johnston."



CRAIG JOHNSTON

BARBARA ASTON, "girl Friday" to Manfred Schaefer at Sydney Olympic, is no longer with the club.

Barbara will be missed. She did an excellent job with Olympic.

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AT a time when most clubs are cutting their staff to the bone to overcome financial difficulties, Sydney City announce they now have no fewer than six coaches to look after their various teams.

It's an intelligent move from a club which is determined to bring on its own local players rather than spend big in the inflated transfer market.

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JOHN PAPAZOGLOU, West Adelaide's young full-back who grabbed himself a permanent spot in the NSL line-up last year, is in doubt for 1985.

Ligament trouble which hit him at the end of last season has struck again, and he has been told he could be looking at months before he is fully fit.



□ NEIL MCGACHEY

A PROMINENT NSL club is negotiating for a new club doctor.

His name? Victor Chang. (Think about it ...)

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WE don't know whether West Adelaide coach Neil McGachey is taking the simple way out or whether he is being diplomatic.

But his squad for this year has been numbered alphabetically — Steve Atsalas will wear the No. 2 shirt after the goalkeeper, and so on down the line.

The result is No. 26 could be the star player if his initial is far enough down the list.

No-one will be numbered on the position they play.

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□ BARBARA ASTON at her desk as Sydney Olympic secretary last year, with Olympic NSL coach Manfred Schaefer.

AFTER two years out of the game due to a bad knee injury, former Sydney Croatia first-teamer Glenn "Carrots" Sterrey has signed for Parramatta Melita.

Sterrey, a central defender, was a regular member of Croatia's State League champion team in 1982.

However, he received a bad injury in a trial game at the start of 1983, which forced him to have reconstructive surgery last year.

Ironically Glenn's absence led to his younger brother, Lee, becoming a first team regular with Croatia.

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MICK PAPARELLA, one-time star for Adelaide City when they were Juventus, and then team manager, is back with the club.

When he quit the soccer scene in Adelaide, he opened a business in Darwin, and in the past 20 years made only brief visits to look up old friends.

Now he is back as manager of City's plush clubrooms at Olympic Sports Field.

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FEARS have been expressed about Israel getting entry visas to the USSR for this year's World Youth Championship — If Israel wins the qualifying group in Australia.

It has been pointed out that several other Israeli sporting teams have had difficulty in gaining entry to the Soviet Union.

FIFA, however, strongly insists that no barriers must be put in the way of any teams competing in world titles — either youth or senior. The Russians will be swiftly brought into line if they try to stop Israel playing in the WYC.

SAM FISZMAN, chairman of Sydney City's soccer committee, welcomed the players at a pre-season party in the Hakosh club in Bondi but quickly let them know what was expected of them in 1985.

"We want the National League title — nothing else will do," said this demanding soccer boss.

By the way, Eddie Thomson is now officially secretary-manager-coach of Sydney City. "ET" will be a busy chap.

RELEGATION from the NSL has not upset Parramatta Melita. Melita Eagles' plans to build a super grandstand at their Melita Stadium headquarters.

Work is well advanced on the project and the stand seems sure to be in operation for this season's NSW State League games.

Originally, it was hoped to have the work completed by April but Emmanuel Said, Melita's president, said: "I think July would be a more realistic target date."

WHILE some players were asking for signing-on fees and demanding a rise in wages, it was a change to hear how Mike "Scotty" Donnelly approached the problem.

Desperate to play in the NSL, he bought out his own contract from South Australia First Division team Azzurri, then asked Adelaide City coach Edmund Kraft if he could have a trial.

The stocky 23-year-old all-rounder impressed the coach and agreed to sign for a season without questioning any terms of his contract.

PARRAMATTA MELITA midfielder John Davies tied the knot during the off-season.

He is pictured (below) at his fancy dress wedding, with his wife (far left) and St George's Mark Barton and his wife.

And at right, who's "Miss Bankstown" on the left, next to Davies and former Melita and Riverwood player Phil Milas?

None other than former Australian World Cup star, Ernie Campbell.





BY **MIKE
JOHNSON**

STABILITY WILL PAY DIVIDENDS

IT is very pleasing to observe Frank Arok's commitment to a stable, settled team during his stint as national coach.

So long as he has put his faith in the right players, this policy will be Australia's biggest plus as it pursues its extremely difficult task of reaching the World Cup Finals.

It has never ceased to amaze me how a successful club coach, such as current England boss, Bobby Robson, could make the numerous changes he has made since his term of office as national coach.

Robson obtained success at Ipswich with a sound and stable team selection policy.

Yet since taking over the England job, he has handed out England caps like he had just bought them from a sale at a supermarket.

England honours, which once were hard to win, are now cheap, just as they were with a previous failed England manager, Don Revie.

Revie also had been a very successful club manager at Leeds but he handed out England honours cheaply.

At Leeds, Revie was a Scrooge with an intense desire to accumulate trophies.

His success was based on team spirit and understanding of a virtual unchanged group of outstanding players who became famous during a decade of dominance.

Team understanding is crucial if a player is to operate to his potential.

He needs to become comfortable with the team method and the style and personalities of players around him.

Additionally, the national player needs to gravitate up to the in-

creased standard of play which he encounters at international level.

He is unable to do any of this if he is pulled in and out of the national team at the whim of an unsure coach.

At club level the same criteria apply.

No chance

Many rookie coaches show their inexperience by changing their team from week to week so that in a whole season the same 11 players hardly ever operate together.

This gives no chance of success.

Arok has no option but to develop an overall team strategy, experiment for a short while with the players best suited to his needs, then commit himself to those players, making allowance for injuries or gross loss of form.

Alf Ramsey of England did just that and won the World Cup for England in 1966 for its one and only time.

Rudi Gutendorf did the opposite and crucified Australia in the last World Cup campaign.

To be able to pick good, stable teams, especially at national team level where there is enormous choice, need to be able to know who can play and who can't.

Les Scheinflug has proven himself a good judge of players over the years and it was no surprise to me to see him do well as Australia's coach.

However, now that

he is telling Arok which players to select, he is in the wrong.

Judge

Frank has his team strategy which Les is not privy to and therefore he is not really in a position to put forward players.

Arok, like Scheinflug, is also an excellent judge of players.

Frank in this case has an ace up his sleeve in the person of assistant Eddie Thomson, who also is a masterful judge of a player's ability.

Arok will continue to be pestered by pressmen and others putting forward their own choice of players.

This is one of the pressures he will have to put up with, as did England's Alf Ramsey, who was always being accused of being "too loyal" to his players.

The England players for years afterwards said how his loyalty had made them lift themselves for Alf and for England.

Whereas I still remember the scathing remarks heaped on Gutendorf by players, whose feeble performances were in the main attributable to the continually changing teams selected by a coach unsure in his judgment.

I hope our players will be able to repay the current coach, administration and a waiting public with personal performances beyond which they have even previously produced.

THIS SCHEME HAS COACHING WELL COVERED

SINCE my appointment as director of coaching for New South Wales in July, we have already conducted courses at various levels.

All are part of the National Coaching Scheme, which, as its name implies, is a nationwide scheme under the general direction of national director of coaching Eric Worthington.

Each state also has a full-time director of coaching as well as a network of staff coaches to make sure courses are conducted in a professional manner.

There are now four levels and here is a brief resume of each course:

BASIC (LEVEL I) COURSE

The duration of this course is 14 hours and it is usually held in a full weekend. This course is presented for people who need assistance with the organising of young players.

The content of the course includes techniques and tactics of the game. Some importance is attached to the Laws of the Game, and great importance is attached to organising young players into activity suited to their age, ability and understanding.

There are no examinations or evaluations although a certificate is provided at the conclusion of the course.

PRELIMINARY (LEVEL II) COURSE

The duration of this course is now 36 hours, plus six hours Fitness for Soccer relevant to age-group, and is usually held over three weekends plus the further six hours. The content of the course consists of four points:

1. The practice of coaching.
2. The theory of coaching.
3. The Laws of the Game.
4. Demonstration ability.

Assessment is continuous throughout the course. Candidates are helped to reach the required standard and if successful are awarded the title "coach" of the Australian Soccer Federation. All candidates receive an appropriate certificate while a track-suit badge is available for those who achieve the standard of coach.

SENIOR (LEVEL III) COURSE

The purpose of this course is to provide training and practice in coaching skill for those who are already practicing coaches so that they may coach senior players. Candidates must already hold the Preliminary (Level II) Award.

The course is now in four parts: PART A: Five-day residential section based mainly on instruction

and working at the principles of defence and attack, as well as planning a programme and match analysis.

PART B: Assessment during the year into the candidate's own team or with selected youth players.

PART C: Four-day coaching practice and revision towards the end of the year.

PART D: Two-day seminar on Fitness for Soccer.

Theory involved in the Senior Course includes the planning and organisation of training as well as the knowledge of techniques, tactics and strategy of the game. All candidates receive a certificate, whilst the title of "senior coach" of the

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Australian Soccer Federation is offered to those who reach the appropriate standard.

Almost 50 coaches took part in the course held at Parklea last

month, which was a great success. The candidates included a wide cross-section with National League players and one National League coach involved.

The staff included Ron Tindall (Western Australia Director of Coaching), Ken Morton (ex-Wollongong and Heidelberg coach), Eddie Thomson (Sydney City and assistant national coach) and Les Scheinflug (Marconi and ex-national coach).

LEVEL IV

This new course has recently been added to the National Coaching Scheme. It consists of two six-day courses over two years. It is primarily for National League and State League coaches and is held in Canberra at the Australian Institute of Sport.



□ EDDIE THOMSON: on Senior Course.

NSW SOUTH WALES SOCCER FEDERATION & AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION COACHING COURSES

BASIC (LEVEL I):

Course — February 23, 24
Course 2 — March 2, 3
Course 3 — March 9, 10
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PRELIMINARY (LEVEL II):

February 23, 24, March 2, 3, 9, 10.
FEE \$45

All courses are held at Soccer Headquarters, Parklea.

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□ FORMER Socceroo coaches Les Scheinflug (left) and Rudi Gutendorf.

COTTON'S BACK AT SAINTS

— TO STAY



BY BRAD EARL

ROY COTTON, "back home" with St George, is confidently approaching the 1985 season with a personal scoring target of at least 15 goals.

A striker with magical skills, Cotton left Penrith City in the close-season to return to St George, the club that brought him to Australia from England in 1979.

"I've always said that I'd like to go back and finish my career with St George," Cotton said.

Not that he has any thoughts of retiring yet, for at 29 he feels he has several seasons of football in front of him.

Several factors influenced Cotton's decision to rejoin the Saints.

He lives locally with his wife Magda and children Russell (8½) and Hayley (6½), and St George's training set-up ties in well with his job at Peter Warren Ford in Liverpool.

'Too much'

Last year Cotton was named top fleet salesman for Ford in New South Wales.

"I tend to work about 50 hours at work and another 10-15 hours at home, and with the soccer it was just getting too much, particularly travelling to Wollongong and Penrith for training.

"That's one of the main reasons I went to St George. Training starts at 5.30 instead of 7pm, and I'm getting home at quarter to eight instead of quarter past 10."

Cotton enjoys the excellent set-up at St George Stadium.

"The cage suits me down to the ground because it's all short, sharp ball work," he said.

"Fitness-wise, this is the first time in three years that I've done a pre-season training properly. Frank Arok is very professional, very hard, and because of that I think he gains the respect of the players.

"I probably haven't been as fit as I could have been the last couple of years, but this year I think I'll be fitter and that should help me greatly, because I'll be a bit sharper on the ball.

"I used to score a lot of goals, and while I've still scored as many as anybody else since I've been here, I haven't been happy.

"I should be scoring about 15 to 20 goals a year, so that's my target this year.

"I don't think I've played well unless I've scored,

and I suppose most goalscorers think that way."

Yet it wasn't until the 1981 season under Tommy Docherty at Sydney Olympic that Cotton was switched from a wing position to a central striking role.

He had won England Youth honours before becoming a professional with English Second Division club Orient.

Later Cotton joined Aldershot, but a badly broken leg — his second — put him out for two seasons. He was left with a damaged ankle, and he began thinking about moving to a warmer country to alleviate the problem.

His career in Australia didn't really get off to a flying start as St George were relegated in his second season with the club.

"I would never have left St George if it wasn't for that, because Frank Arok was coming out to join the club, but I didn't want to play State League."

After a proposed move to champions Sydney City fell through, St George loaned Cotton to Sydney Olympic under Tommy Docherty, and the following year he joined Wollongong City.

Top goal

In two seasons with the Wolves he really emerged as an outstanding striker.

He also had one of his goals — a brilliant piece of dribbling skill — shown regularly on television in 1983 as "Goal of the Year".

In 1984 he signed for the fledgling Penrith City club.

"I enjoyed it to a certain extent, the players were a good bunch of guys, and we did well in that last game.

"The problem with Penrith was that they promised a lot but it just didn't happen. Probably a lot of genuine people got hurt because they believed things were going to happen.

"I think too many people took things at face value and didn't look in depth into what was being said by people."

Now all that is behind Cotton as he eagerly awaits the new season as one of Frank Arok's Saints.



'I'LL BE SHARPER THIS SEASON'

SENKALSKI REJECTS SYDNEY SWITCH



Decision to stay with Newcastle may cost Joe a place in World Cup squad

NEWCASTLE skipper Joe Senkalski is one of the few players in Australia to twice reject offers from Sydney City and this is the year, he says, when he finds out whether he made the right choice.

After leading Newcastle to victory in the 1984 NSL Cup, Senkalski, 27, was approached by Sydney City with an offer that would have given the gifted midfielder a rails run on a national team berth.

Senkalski would dearly love a regular place in Frank Arok's squad but he is handicapped by the conviction that it is difficult for players outside of Sydney or Melbourne to win an Australian shirt.

While most pundits remain confident that Senkalski's appearance in Sydney would guarantee him a national spot, Joe reluctantly rejected City's offer. The Sydney City package did not offset what he would have had to give away in Newcastle in terms of job and housing.

Highly rated

Ironically, Senkalski might have become a representative regular many years ago had he accepted Sydney City's initial offer.

The midfielder, at 18, was rated the most promising player in the country when he set himself for the step from Adamstown Rosebuds to join a Sydney club.

With the advent of the Philips League in 1977, Senkalski joined Sydney Olympic but

returned to his home town the following year when Newcastle gained admission to the PSL, transferred for \$4,000.

He is currently one of a handful of players who have campaigned each season since Australian soccer went national more than eight years ago.

Senkalski is determined to make this year his best. At 27, he believes the conjunction of experience and athleticism is primed to help his performance.

BY NEIL JAMESON

"I'd dearly love to make the national squad but I won't be dwelling on that issue.

My motivation is to lead Newcastle as well as I can and show the young players and public how important it is to have a viable NSL set-up in our area," said Senkalski.

"We've got a young side but with the 1984 season under their belts most of the players know what it's all about and they're looking forward to this year.

"I've been coached by Willie Gallagher before but never have I seen him so assertive at pre-season training. He knows what's required and he's been pushing us to reach the standard."

Admirer

There are few greater admirers of Senkalski's prodigious talent than Gallagher. The Newcastle coach played alongside Senkalski when the pair were team-mates at Adamstown more than a decade ago and Gallagher knows the true extent of Senkal-

ski's ability.

The midfielder responds well to responsibility and his teaching profession makes him a great communicator. Gallagher has stressed the importance of setting an example to the younger players not only in matches and training sessions, but in every facet of club activity.

Senkalski is impressed with the potential within the Newcastle squad but is alarmed by the continued exodus to the better-paying Sydney clubs.

"Few people seem to rate Newcastle very highly, but when it comes to poaching players they sure know where to look," he says ruefully.

But that trend might be changing as the experiences of one or two ex-Newcastle stars suggests that Sydney is not the mecca it might appear.

Howard Tredinnick is back training with Newcastle after a season with Melita and Gallagher is hopeful of securing the left-back's service, if only on a loan arrangement.

Says Senkalski: "Howie would be a great help in organising our defence and would do wonders for such young players as Neil Jones, who I'm convinced has a fabulous future."

'My motivation is to lead Newcastle as well as I can'



□ HOWARD TREDINNICK in action for Melita last season. Newcastle hope to secure the full-back on loan for 1985.



□ DUNCAN COLE (light shirt) in NSL action for Canberra

DUNCAN COLE

BEWARE of New Zealand — that's the cry from former World Cup midfielder Duncan Cole.

Cole feels that Australia mustn't get too excited over their performances against top European opposition during the past two years.

"Everyone slammed New Zealand's performances on their world tour just before Australia went overseas," he said.

"Most people didn't realise that half of the regular New Zealand players didn't tour."

"The main reason was that we can't afford to lose our jobs."

Cole, who played in an indoor soccer tournament against Australia during the Kiwis' tour, is in a good position to rate the Socceroos' chances of mak-

ing the next World Cup.

He joined Canberra Arrows in 1981 and played an important role as the Arrows enjoyed their most successful season in the NSL, finishing fifth.

In 1982 he didn't play in Australia because of his World Cup commitments with New Zealand, but returned in 1983 and played 19 games for the Arrows.

Last year Cole played in Singapore but an injury forced him to return to New Zealand.

"I was looking forward to playing in the Singapore competition," he said.

"Now I must look to the future and I'm confident I can regain my place in the New Zealand side for the coming World Cup qualifying games."

Cole believes Australia will face an almost impossible task to make it to Mexico even if

they win the Oceania qualifying group.

"You must remember that it took us about seven games to make it to Spain," he said.

"If Australia win the preliminary group, which we are also in, then they are up against some very stiff

**Where
are
they
now?**

opposition in either Scotland or Spain."

— ANDREW PASCHALIDIS



BRISBANE CITY GO FOR BRAZILIAN

By GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE CITY are set to sign a Brazilian first division striker as club officials attempt to counter claims that their side is too weak.

Club president John Ciavarella said he hoped the striker, whom he would not name, would be in Brisbane in six weeks, barring any immigration problems.

"All I can say is that he played in the same Port Allegro team as Falcao," Ciavarella said.

Venturing into South America is not new for Brisbane City. The club had great success twice in the past with signings from Argentina.

Giant goalkeeper Osvaldo Borzi was a big hit at Spencer Park while skilful midfielder Roberto Echeverria, on his day, was a master of the dead ball. His skills earned him a place in one of Rudi Gutendorf's national squads.

It is understood Borzi is acting as a scout for City in South America and recommended the Brazilian to the club.

City have begun to strengthen their side after persistent criticism from within the club and outside that the team had not been bolstered after finishing a dismal second last in 1984.

Even several key players, including captain Frank Pimblett

and former Socceroo Steve Perry were not motivated enough to join in pre-season training.

Perry has remained firm on his request to leave the club and is expected to link up with former Lions defender Col Bennett at Intermediate League club Rochdale, if a lower transfer can be negotiated.

Pimblett, the player new City coach Tony Lowndes desperately wants back in training, fronted to watch a trial game last week. And he hinted he might begin training within a week "Just to see how it feels."

Signings

In other signings, City last week began negotiating for young Canberra striker Alan Reis, who has had a job transfer to Brisbane. Reis scored seven goals for the Arrows last year.

The club also has signed midfielder Andrew Hodgkinson, an Englishman recommended to City by former sweeper Jimmy Dunne, who now

**But
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coaches in Melbourne.

Other players who are training at Spencer Park include the highly-respected David Costa (Mount Gravatt) and Mick Cernaka (Olympic), while the list of hopefuls include Rockhampton's Brett Drury, former Lions player Mick Gerritsen, former Lions and Olympic player Craig Low, Wynnum's Wayne Corbett and Tom Gray and Newcastle keeper Robert Fox.

"A lot of the players are very raw but their enthusiasm is second to none. I am hopeful of signing them all which will definitely give us a squad that will be able to compete."

"The situation is nowhere near as bad as a lot of people are making out," Lowndes said.

GRIDIRON OFFER FOR GOALIE

By ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

A FRIENDLY game of American football during the off-season almost landed former Australian Youth goalkeeper Chris Hummel a full-time gridiron contract in the United States.

Hummel spent three weeks training with the Los Angeles Lakers indoor soccer side but the 20-year-old received a surprise with his first kick of an American football.

"I went to one of the colleges in LA just to have a look at their sports complex," he said.

"Their top gridiron side were training and I met the coach and he asked me to join in."

"I started punting the ball just like I would a soccer ball and they were shocked with the distance I reached."

But Hummel was in for a further shock. At

the end of training, he was invited as a special guest to a Los Angeles Raiders' game.

"It's an unreal feeling on the sideline," he said.

"The atmosphere was electric and I met a few of the players after the game."

"The coach gave me a couple of gridiron balls to bring back home and practice."

"I might go back at the end of the year."

Hummel would prefer to forget his last two years in soccer.

During 1982 he was first choice goalie in the Australian Youth team but an injury before the Finals in Mexico saw

him surrender his place to Anthony Franken.

"I was pretty disheartened but I wasn't fit enough because of a shoulder injury prior to the trip," he said.

"I played in the Papua New Guinea and Costa Rica qualifying rounds."

"One minute you're on top of the world but next you are down. I bear no grudges against Tony. We were very competitive and are good friends."

It's that strong competition that saw Hummel leave Canberra Arrows last year — after Franken cemented his spot in the side — and

join Parramatta Melita.

"I wanted to go to Melita at the beginning of the season but had to wait until midway through the year," he said.

"I wanted to team up with former assistant Youth coach Raul Blanco. Melita are a very well organised and professional club."

Hummel is still transfer-listed by Canberra Arrows but is hopeful he can find an NSL club.

"I want to get settled with a club," the former Institute of Sport student said.

"My goal is to play first grade NSL soccer."



□ CHRIS HUMMEL (left) and Anthony Franken: rival goalkeepers.



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COUNTDOWN IS ON FOR MEXICO '86

BY TOM ANDERSON

WORLD CUP qualifying fever has gripped the world with 1985 the year when all competing nations face their moment of truth.

The 24 elite countries, Italy as Cup holders and Mexico as host nation have already qualified, will line up to do battle for football's most sought after trophy next year.

However this year it will be "Mexico or bust" for the majority of FIFA's 150 members — Australia included.

Actually, 121 teams entered this World Cup, each with high hopes of grabbing one of the 22 vacant spots.

The action in OCEANIA will start on September 3 when Israel and Chinese Taipei do battle in Israel, with our own Socceroos into the fray with the opening match against New Zealand on September 21.

If Frank Arok and his lads can win their way through to Mexico it will be the biggest uplift ever for the game of soccer here in Australia.

Never before has an Oceania winner had to meet such star-studded opposition for a World Cup Final series spot — it will be Scotland or Spain.

However, in this game of football anything can happen and no team must be written off before the last

ball has been kicked and the final whistle sounded.

In the AFRICAN section, where there were 29 entries, with two teams qualifying for Mexico, six teams — Algeria, Cameroon, Ghana, Guinea, Libya and Ethiopia — have already reached the second round of the qualifying competition.

The CONCACAF section is also underway, with the USA doing remarkably well in the opening round.

One team will qualify from 18 entries in this section.

The SOUTH AMERICAN section, with 10 nations competing for four places, will kick-off on March 3 with the match between Ecuador and Chile in Group 2.

Brazil's first qualifying match will be against Bolivia in Bolivia on June 2 — when all the Brazilian stars will have finished with the domestic league programme in Italy.

The ASIAN section is already underway with two teams to qualify from 27 entries.

The Arabs and the People's Republic of China are expected to dominate this section.

In EUROPE, there are seven groups with 13 teams possible to qualify.

The action is already running hot and fast in Europe with England, Scotland, Portugal, Hungary and Denmark already showing up well in the early stages.

The World Cup is a magnificent competition and stimulates excitement throughout the world that no other

WORLD CUP FEATS

FIFTY-TWO nations have competed in World Cup Final series since 1930.

Australia is placed on 41st position in the order of merit after our Final series participation in 1974. Top of the World Cup honour list is Brazil, followed by West Germany, Italy, Argentina and England.

sport can hope to emulate.

All we can now do here in Australia is to hope Lady Luck smiles upon Frank Arok and

his Socceroos and that when the opening whistle sounds in Mexico next year Australia will be one of the elite 24 participating teams.



THE 30 DAYS OF MEXICO '86

NEXT year's World Cup Final series will kick-off on Saturday, May 31 with the opening match at the Aztec Stadium.

There will be 36 matches in the opening round which finishes on June 13.

It will then go into the knockout round, with 12 matches, starting on Sunday, June 15 and end on Sunday, June 22.

The semi-finals will be on Wednesday, June 25, with the play-off for third place on Saturday, June 28 and the Final at the Aztec Stadium on Sunday, June 29.

A total of 52 games will be played at the Mexico final series.

ATTENDANCES AT FINALS

NEXT year's World Cup Final series is certain to break all existing attendance records since the event started in 1930.

At present Spain holds the overall attendance record for the 1982 final series with a total of 1,856,277 paying customers.

For the first time ever 24 teams competed in the 1982 series, with 52 matches played at an average attendance of 35,698 per match.

In the 1970 Finals in Mexico 1,673,875 spectators watched 32 games with an average attendance of 52,312.

KICK-OFF TIMES

WITH West Germany's Hermann Neuberger in the chair, the FIFA organising committee of the 1986 Mexico World Cup series decided that the kick-off times for the games in Mexico will be 12 noon and 4pm (local Mexican time).

This has been decided upon for world-wide television and is 8pm and midnight Central European time.

It also means that we here in Australia can prepare ourselves for some early morning television viewing.

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VENUE: MONTERREY.
POPULATION: 1,745,100.
ALTITUDE: 538 m.
STADIUMS: Tecnológico (capacity 40,000), Universitario (capacity 45,000).

VENUE: MEXICO CITY.
POPULATION: 19,000,000.
ALTITUDE: 2,278 m.
STADIUMS: Aztec (capacity 108,000), Ciudad Universitaria (capacity 72,200).

VENUE: TOLUCA.
POPULATION: 450,000.
ALTITUDE: 2,680 m.
STADIUMS: Toluca (capacity 40,000), Neza (capacity 40,000).

VENUE: LEON.
POPULATION: 700,000.
ALTITUDE: 1,885 m.
STADIUMS: Leon (capacity 40,000), Irapuato (capacity 40,000).

VENUE: QUERETARO.
POPULATION: 250,000.
ALTITUDE: 1,853 m.
STADIUM: Queretaro (capacity 40,000).

VENUE: PUEBLA.
POPULATION: 1,000,000.
ALTITUDE: 2,152 m.
STADIUM: Cuauhtemoc (capacity 47,000).

VENUE: GUADALAJARA.
POPULATION: 1,000,000.
ALTITUDE: 1,567 m.
STADIUMS: 3 de Marzo (capacity 40,000), Jalisco (capacity 66,000).

VENUE: IRAPUATO.
POPULATION: 170,000.
ALTITUDE: 1,724 m.
STADIUM: Irapuato (capacity 40,000).



□ ITALY's players celebrate their win in the 1982 World Cup.



□ PAOLO ROSSI, Italy's star striker, shoots for goal against Argentina during the 1982 World Cup series.

FIFA WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP
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OCEANIA ELIMINATION SERIES

YOUNG CHAMPIONS ARE ON THE WAY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE Young Champions are coming to do battle with Australia's very own Youth stars at St George Stadium from Friday week.

Israel, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, New Zealand and Chinese Taipei will all converge on Australia in a mass invasion to do battle against Australia's World Youth Championship team.

All of them will be out to block Australia's Young Champions from going to Russia for the fifth WYC Finals in August.

The eventual winner will claim the coveted Coca-Cola Cup.

This soccer spectacle at St George Stadium must not be missed as the world stars of tomorrow will be on display, and who knows, another Maradona or Geovanni Silva could be unearthed.

fashion on October 3 at the Sydney Sports Ground, where current world champions Argentina clashed with the Green and Gold Aussies.

At 4.40pm that day, telexes and satellite telecasts bounced out of Sydney, breaking the news to the world: **AUSTRALIA DEFEATS WORLD CHAMPIONS ARGENTINA 2-1.**

Peter Raskopoulos, the Australian skipper, drove his men relentlessly at their illustrious blue and white enemy, to earn Australia a spectacular victory that sent the stadium into complete pandemonium.

Raskopoulos, Paul Kay, Robbie Wheatley, Steve Blair, Howard Tredinnick, Grant Lee, Jimmy Patikas, Oscar Crino, Fabio Incantalupo, Mark Koussas, Ian Hunter and David Mitchell, all did battle for Australia back in 1981 as kids, and today they have all graduated

into the senior ranks of NSL football.

They were Australia's "Young Champions" of 1981.

West Germany defeated Qatar in the Final at the Sydney Cricket Ground, with Rumania's striker, Gabor, taking out the Golden Ball.

Australia's Mark Koussas won the Golden Boot for top scoring with four goals.



1983 — MEXICO

Brazil became champions in Mexico when they defeated Argentina in the Final, with Brazil's sensational attacking midfielder Geovanni Silva cracking

the double of the Golden Ball plus the Golden Boot after scoring six of Brazil's total of eight goals.

Australia just missed out on the quarter-finals, finishing ninth, a

place behind Scotland whom they beat in their preliminary group with a slashing goal scored by Jimmy Patikas from an immaculate Joe Rizzotto pass.

Historical Review of the World Youth Championships 1977 — 1983



AUSTRALIA'S 1985 YOUNG CHAMPIONS



□ ANDREW BERNAL



□ PAUL JONES



□ ROB HOOKER



□ SEAN INGHAM



□ PETER PETKOVSKI

1977 — TUNISIA

In 1977, the very first international Youth tournament was staged and was won by the USSR, defeating Mexico in the Final.

The Russian midfielder Bessonov from club side Dynamo Kiev won the prestigious Adidas "Golden Ball" for being the best player of the finals.

1979 — JAPAN

Argentina turned the tables on then current champions Russia when they beat them in the Final in Tokyo.

It was in this Final series that Argentina exploded to the world their multi-million dollar "weapon", Diego Maradona.

The stocky Maradona won the Golden Ball as player of the series, and went on to make headlines over the next two years, climaxing in a world record transfer fee of \$US9 million which Barcelona paid Boca Juniors for his release.

1981 — AUSTRALIA

The 1981 series saw the Young Champions from England, West Germany, Qatar, Rumania, Cameroon, Egypt, Korea, Mexico, Poland, Spain, the USA, Brazil, Uruguay, Italy and Argentina invade Australia.

The World Finals kicked off in spectacular



□ GOLDEN BOY: Geovanni Silva holds up the Golden Ball and Golden Boot he won during the 1983 World Youth Championship in Mexico.



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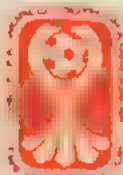
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SOCKS: WHITE with Green & Gold
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SOCKS: GREEN

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- 8 PANAGIS, John
- 9 PETKOVSKI, Peter

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WHO'LL GET THE SILVER BOOT?

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS have launched an ambitious new pre-season competition which should ensure their talented young NSL side starts this season in top match fitness.

With the early start to this year's League, Lions officials were worried that their side would have little preparation for the first games and could be "caught cold".

The club is anxious to keep the momentum rolling from last year's strong run into the finals.

They have invited the best local Premier League sides and the Brisbane City NSL team to play in the inaugural \$2,000 Silver Boot pre-season tournament. In addition to the prizemoney, the competition naturally carries an impressive silver-plated boot trophy.

The compact competition will run over the next three weeks culminating in a final on February 24, the

weekend prior to the first NSL Cup match on March 3.

Twelve teams have nominated to play in the competition, which also will be a testing warm-up for next month's OSF XXXX pre-season competition in which the Premier and NSL teams will be involved.

An interesting nomination is that from the Toowoomba Soccer Federation.

Toowoomba wanted to play in the Silver Boot as part of an ambitious plan to win through to the final rounds of the Ampol Cup competition later this season. In the past Toowoomba have rarely got past the country qualifying stage.

The teams in the Silver Boot are divided into four groups.

They are: Group A — Lions NSL, Acacia Ridge, Sunnyside; Group B — Mount Gravatt, Easts, Rochedale; Group C — Brisbane City, Coalstars, Taringa; Group D — Ipswich United, Lions Premier, Toowoomba.

Each team plays the others in its group once. Group winners then will be pitted against a runner-up from another group in the quarter-finals.

The semi-finals are scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, while the

final and play-off for third will be on Sunday, February 24. All matches are at Lions' Richlands Stadium.

This week's programme is: Wednesday, February 6 — Rochedale v Easts (6.30pm), Ipswich United v Lions Premier (8.15pm); Friday, February 8 — Acacia Ridge v Sunnyside (6.30pm), Mount Gravatt v Easts (8.15pm); Sunday, February 10 — Ipswich United v Toowoomba (2pm), Brisbane City v Coalstars (4pm), Lions NSL v Sunnyside (6pm).

First Brisbane centre opens

BRISBANE'S soccer players have been given a new avenue to display their skills.

A new indoor soccer stadium has opened and, unlike several other venues which are indoor cricket centres converted to soccer in off-peak hours, the latest venture had been designed and built by Soccer people.

The owner is Keith Sharrock, formerly with Souths United, while Ipswich United and former Lions NSL coach Matt Carson and new Brisbane City coach Tony Lowndes are supervising coaching at the new "Natra" centre.

The facility, at Macgregor on Brisbane's southside, presently boasts two indoor fields, and Sharrock has plans to add an indoor sprint track, training areas and further fields on a lower floor.

Competition leagues are being formed and the first matches started last week. Leagues will be staged for men's, women's, social and over 30s teams.

"Competition will be only a small part of the entire set-up. What we envisage is teams coming in here for a complete night of training which would include a warm-up, skills work, sprints, exercises and then ball work and matches," Carson said.

It is also hoped other sports, including hockey and table tennis will use the Natra centre.

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COALSTARS SIGN UP PENMAN

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND Premier League club Coalstars could have snared the key to a championship win by signing Ipswich United midfielder Bruce Penman.

Penman is one of the hardest working midfielders in Queensland and has been instrumental in United's run of success in recent seasons.

Penman had been trailing with the Bundamba club for several weeks, and as he is a former Coalstars player, it came as no surprise to see him sign. It is understood he even turned down a lucrative counter-offer from United.

Penman is the second major signing for Coalstars this season. Earlier this month the club beat Grange Thistle and Mount Gravatt to sign Easts striker Mark Brusasco.

And Coalstars also have Mark McNaughton, Andy Ogden, Murray Kitching and Mark Atmore on trial and the squad is fast shaping into one which could scoop the honours this season.

They gave an impressive showing in a trial game against Bris-



□ KEVIN CALDWELL: Bruce Penman's brother-in-law and captain of Coalstars.

bane City a week ago and although they lost 0-2, it was only a brilliant performance from City keeper Kim Wishart that denied the Premier Leaguers a win.

Penman is the second midfield loss for Ipswich United. Gerry Lindsay, who lives on the northside of Brisbane, has indicated the travelling to Ebbw Vale, in the west, was proving too much and is looking for a club closer to home.

United coach Matt Carson was philosophical about losing Penman.

"He gave us a tremendous lot and while I would have loved to retain him for this season, there was no way we would have stood in his way. Bruce has a lot of old friends and relatives at Coalstars," he said.

Former Brisbane City NSL player, Kevin Caldwell, now captain at Coalstars, is Penman's brother-in-law.

DIFFICULT JOB FOR FERNHILL

BY PHIL MURPHY

LAST season's champions and grand final winners Fernhill will be forced to field a new-look side when the Illawarra Premier League starts.

Coach Gerry Walker has retained his job but could be struggling to repeat the successes of last year.

Even before last season's grand final, winger Gary Pruks and defender Paul Sallabank made it clear they wouldn't be returning to the club.

Both will be overseas during the season and ironically were among Walker's most consistent performers in 1984.

To make matters worse, Fernhill's Player of the Year, Ian Lewis, has switched back to West Figtree.

Lewis won Fernhill's \$500 Player of the Year award with some outstanding performances and will certainly be missed at Towradgi Park.

Another talented midfielder, Alan Thompson, has also left the team after being appointed coach of First Division Balgownie.

He has taken utility player Brian Midgley from Fernhill to join the Balgownie line-up.

There have been reports that at least one other Fernhill player will be making the short trip to Balgownie.

Walker is naturally disappointed at how things are turning out but is working hard to fill the gaps.

"It would have been nice to keep the same side but that's soccer and I will have to find suitable replacements," Walker said.

Walker is well-respected in Illawarra and is expected to be able to attract some talented players to his club.

Fernhill won their first grand final in 30 years last season and took the championship after a minor slump in the middle of the competition.

Club president Bruce Isedale says he is confident Walker can start the season with a team capable of defending the title.

"We have a lot of confidence in Walker and his ability to get the right players together to play attacking football," Isedale said.

Port Kembla, Aris and Oak Flats will be the newcomers in Premier League this season and their inclusion is causing plenty of interest.

Port Kembla have a large Italian following, with Aris boasting strong Greek support so crowds generally should be up on 1984.

Dapto, Coniston and Russell Vale have been axed from the League to make way for the newcomers.

Coach Joe Moreno will rely basically on the side which won the First Division title for Port Kembla last season.

Moreno has some very talented young players coming up from his Under 19 squad and they will be pressing claims for places in the first grade side.

The experience of Robert Fryer, as player-coach, will be a major asset to Aris, who seem likely to have at least two new faces in their top side.

After opening their new ground, Oak Flats hope to prove a few people wrong by winning their share of games now they have regained their spot in the "big league".

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The coaching combination of Luke Robaard and Phil Carr is back together at West Figtree.

They won two grand finals for the club before leaving last season and it was significant Figtree missed out on the semi-finals.

Last season, Robaard acted as strapper with Wollongong City and Carr had a break from soccer.

They already have some new signings training at Graham Park but will undoubtedly miss big stopper Larry Barringer, who has left to join Fairy Meadow.

Berringer is a very effective defender and wants to try out in the State League.



□ MARK McNAUGHTON (left): trialling with Coalstars.

EACH week ASW will look at two New South Wales State League clubs and their prospects for the season ahead. This week: Rockdale Ilinden and Manly Warringah.



□ ROSS BROWN (left) in the thick of the action for Rockdale Ilinden in last season's NSW Grand Final against Inter-Monaro. Also in picture, Monaro goalkeeper Michael Hocking.

Manly's impressive coaching line-up

BY FRANK COLETTA

LAST year Manly Warringah finished an encouraging third in the State League under the guidance of Richard Alagich.

Manly's side has changed little, with all of last season's players back on deck again which, according to coach Alagich, augurs well for the season.

The new acquisitions are quite impressive to say the least, particularly former Polonia keeper Ian Barker.

Alagich has nothing but high praise for him. "I was convinced he was the best goalkeeper in the League last year."

Manly's goalkeeping coach Fred Wall agrees with Alagich, claiming he is at the same stage

current Socceroo keeper Terry Greedy was when he joined St George.

Wall should know — he was on Saints' coaching staff when Greedy came to the club.

Backing up Barker is another useful young goalie, Nick Conradi. "That gives us two of the best in the business."

The other major signings have both come from Second Division club Dec Why. They are midfielder Jimmy Campbell and defender Ian Foy.

Campbell looks to have the goods. He is nippy on the ball and has an aggressive and effective tackle.

The whole squad began informal training last November, winding up the year with a hearty game of cricket.

Official training started on January 3 — four times a week.

The Manly coaching and administrative staff is well organised, with Joe Alagich, a cousin of Richard, one of the assistant coaches.

Joe had a distinguished career with

Yugal and went on to represent Australia. He also has a senior coaching badge.

There is also Ken Malam, the former coach of Dec Why, who was instrumental in Campbell and Foy joining the club. Malam is Alagich's direct assistant coach.

The seemingly biggest coup by Manly is a man by the name of Leo Baumgartner.

Baumgartner is on the staff as a specialist strikers' coach. He spends two intense hours every week solely with the Manly marksmen.

If the club's strikers are able to benefit just a little from Baumgartner's tutoring, they will be reaping goalscoring rewards this season.

Well, what is Manly looking to achieve and what prospects does Richard Alagich hold for his side?

"The atmosphere at the club is very good and as usual everyone is looking forward to the new season," he said.

"The confidence is there and all are looking to better last year's third position. The future looks promising for Manly."

Is there any hint of over-confidence?

"Highly unlikely," he said.

TAKACS HAS JOB AHEAD

BY FRANK COLETTA

ILIYA TAKACS, the Rockdale Ilinden coach, has an awesome task to repeat last year's efforts.

In winning the State League Grand Final, Rockdale defied the odds and knocked over the all-conquering Inter-Monaro.

Rockdale's only signing to date is former Bankstown midfielder Steve Blackburn, but after speaking to Takacs, ASW discovered that he certainly doesn't intend to stop there.

"We are certainly looking forward to strengthening the squad with a few other signings," he said.

He is playing his cards close to his chest with possible signings.

A cruel blow has been delivered to the camp already, as two of their most important players, Billy Pilovski and Terry Jones, are badly

injured.

Sweeper Pilovski was put out of action for up to 10 weeks with knee ligament damage he suffered during the opening Ampol Cup match.

Midfielder and captain Terry Jones was injured at Christmas, and is likely to be out for the season.

What is the feeling at the club?

"Everyone is cooperating which is a very healthy sign," Takacs said.

"With some experienced 'old heads' in Paul Degney and Ross Brown, together with young players like Ristovski, Nasteski and Slavski, we are looking to be a bit more competitive."

What about expectations?

"Last year no-one expected Rockdale to succeed in the way they did, let alone make the Grand Final, so naturally there is a lot expected of the side this year."

"Hopefully we'll be there at semi-final time and go on and win the premiership."

"So the pressure is well and truly on."

Takacs is more than happy with what has transpired so far. He is trying to get the right formula during the trial and error period.

"We are taking the Ampol Cup matches as they come really, looking to fitness and form slowly," he said.

Rockdale are certainly looking to continued success and Takacs to some shrewd signings!



□ TERRY JONES (Rockdale) and Tom Steven (Manly) fight for the ball.

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MY BRAZILIAN EXPERIENCE

LIKE MOST real "fut-ball" (or Soccer as we call it here) fans, it has always been a dream of mine to go to Brazil.

Brazil, of course, is the world's most successful football nation in the world's most popular and greatest sport.

World champions in 1958, 1962 and 1970 the Brazilians are the permanent holders of the original Jules Rimet trophy, symbol of world Soccer supremacy, for being the first nation to win sport's ultimate team prize, the World Cup, on three occasions.

But for the football fans around the world, Brazil's fame comes as much from the way they play the game as from the success they've had in it over the years.

On an immensely larger scale than cricket, which is limited to a few Commonwealth countries, the Brazilians are to football what the current West Indians are to cricket.

The purpose of my recent trip to Brazil was to experience at first hand just how the Brazilians do it.

Flamengo were world club champions several seasons ago. Led by the incomparable Zico, they humiliated Liverpool in the world final in Tokyo.

They are currently coached by Zagallo, the most honoured person in world Soccer.

Zagallo was a key member of Brazil's World Cup winning team in 1958 and 1962 and then coached Brazil to their World Cup win in 1970. He was sacked after "failing" as national coach when Brazil could "only" finish third in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

Four years in Kuwait as national coach made Zagallo a multimillionaire overnight and now he's back in his beloved Brazil leading Flamengo (and also mooted as their next national coach) in the manner most coaches would like to operate.

And that is thanks to his petro dollars, financially independent of the game, its federation and club officials.

Zagallo and his staff of coaches, or professors as they are called in Brazil (28 in all, including four fulltime doctors and three physiotherapists) were first-class hosts.

They had no secrets and bent over backwards to show me their junior, juvenile, senior and overall club set-ups which are the perfect model for sporting clubs throughout the world.

In a country where five per cent of the people own everything and the remaining 95 per cent absolutely nothing, football clubs like Flamengo play a vital role in the socio-economic development of the country, particularly among its impressionable youth who make up 60 per cent of the population.

The Flamengo club is an integral part of life of Rio residents, as are other leading world famous Rio-based football clubs like Vasco, Botafogo and Fluminense.

Flamengo struck me as a super Marconi club.

While the senior, junior and juvenile professional teams train at their superb social club headquarters, many of the 35,000 members utilise the other splendid sporting facilities.

While the kids play football, tennis, basketball or swim, mum and dad take in their sporting activities while the grandparents play Bocce (bowls) or just sit around talking about football.

Flamengo, like all Rio clubs, play their matches at Maracana, the world's largest football stadium, which has a capacity of 200,000 people and is as impressive as it sounds.

Football in Brazil, however, is not without its problems.

Crowds are down. Only 160,000 people attended the Rio final between arch rivals Fla and Flu — Flamengo and Fluminense — the latter coached by former Brazilian

World Cup skipper and New York Cosmos star Carlos Alberto.

Good club matches struggle to break 70,000 and Brazilian authorities are worried.

Part of the reason is live television coverage every Sunday of the Italian first division where most of Brazil's 1982 World Cup team stars such as Socrates, Junior and Zico are now based.

And the hike in "outer" ticket prices from 50 cents to \$1!

Brazilian Soccer's problem is that while attendances are healthy, total gate takings average only \$1 per head, hardly receipts to retain world stars who, as a consequence, have to be sold to foreign clubs to balance the books.

But while the exodus of stars head for greener pastures, Brazil, as always, produces new stars to step into their shoes.

Most are young, talented, exciting and, above all, entertaining.

Two of the leading lights ready to step into the shoes of Zico and company are nineteen-year-olds Bebeto and Giovanni, who played against Australia's young Socceroos in the Havelange tournament back in 1983. And they helped win the World Youth Championship in Mexico in 1983.

However, if Brazilian football faces problems hanging on to its stars, there is no problem maintaining enthusiasm and public interest in the game.

As well as the live TV coverage of the Italian first division, football fans have an eight-hour program every Saturday, a 24-page daily Soccer paper together with a superb weekly magazine, and saturation coverage in newspapers, radio and television.

I went to Brazil with notebook and pen in hand looking for their football secrets, but few are to be found in their training methods. In fact, training sessions were a little disappointing.

Flamengo trained, for example,

at 5pm daily. By the time the players passed through the battery of media men (regulars at all training sessions) for TV and radio interviews and press photographs, the training was lucky to kick off by 6.30.

And the final hour was always devoted to free kicks around, over and through the wall from just outside the penalty area with incredibly curved, dipped and chipped shots — an art which the Brazilians are understandably world famous.

The real secrets are in the Brazilian people themselves.

According to Pele, soon to run for president when the military regime gives way to democratic elections later this year, the rest of the world plays football with their brains while in Brazil they play from the heart.

In a country which "boasts" an inflation rate in excess of 200 per cent annually, where 60 per cent of the population are under 20 and where all but a select few know where their next meal is coming from, Brazilians have learnt to live and enjoy TODAY.

Football, samba and the beach, in that order, are the three things dearest to them.

Watch their beautiful women walking, watch them dance and see how they apply their philosophy to living in a tough world and you can see how this expression is translated into footballing terms.

Apart from their way of life, three factors contribute to their exceptional football development.

Lack of space means most kids are brought up on "saloon football" — played on a basketball court with a smaller, heavier ball. This five-a-side game is highly skilful and, unlike our indoor football, has no perimeter walls to play off.

All Brazilian stars from Pele through to Zico were brought up on "saloon football", which calls for high level, intricate skills in the tiniest of spaces.

□ ABOVE: Socrates.
□ TOP LEFT: Pele with the Jules Rimet World Cup.

Another contributing factor to the production line of skilled players is beach football.

Rio, like much of Brazil, is a series of wide, beautiful beaches similar to ours. Two-thirds of these beaches are devoted to Soccer fields with regular goals and volleyball courts used mainly for foot and head tennis.

So while the tourists sunbake, the Brazilians play football all day and, as the beaches are floodlit, all night.

In fact, some of the best games I saw in Brazil were during the evening when organised beach league matches were in progress.

Everyone can and does play football in Brazil.

At the local taxi rank you are likely to be kept waiting while the drivers finish their impromptu street game.

Kids not even in their teens can be seen playing football under street lights way into the early hours of the morning.

And you'll find the oldies always playing in some mock-up Soccer situation from sidewalk cafes to the beaches.

Most of all, football is a way to a better life.

By making it in football, kids can, much the same way as the hungry boxer, emulate Pele. They can, like Pele, go from begging on the streets to the world's most gifted athlete and eventually even a candidate for the presidency of their country.

In beautiful, spectacular Rio they tell you God spent six days creating the world, two of them on Rio itself.

One could add after a four-week visit that at least one of those two days was devoted to providing the world with Brazilian footballers and hospitable clubs like Zagallo's Flamengo in the heart of Rio.

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JUNIOR SCENE

Compiled
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A WORTHWHILE 'CREED'

READER Mick Creed of Wagga Wagga has put an excellent suggestion forward.

He has correctly perceived that gap that prevents the juniors and amateurs, and especially the country people, from homing in on the top players and clubs of the code to which they feel they rightly belong.

Furthermore he has appealed to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY'S Junior pages to help to lay a bridge to overcome this difficult situation, which is largely caused by a lack of enthusiastic coverage in most sections of the media.

Mr Creed writes "I would like to thank you for your publication.

"Without AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY the people in country areas would be completely 'in the dark' concerning latest news of soccer in Australia.

"May I make a suggestion about your Junior Scene articles?

"Every week an NSL club could be listed, giving the address, club's colours, names of players and maybe a brief history of that club.

"It could be a type of information service where juniors could write to the club that

COUNTRY CALL FOR MORE PUBLICITY FOR NSL CLUBS

appeals to them.

"I feel sure that the clubs would co-operate and reply to any letters they receive.

"If more interest is created — especially in country areas — in Australia's top clubs and players, I know that our great game would go ahead much quicker than at present.

"Our Socceroos and other top players and coaches should be household names in Australia.

"I believe that everyone connected with soccer should try for that goal."

Base

Well, Mr Creed, you will realise that it is one thing to correctly define a problem and another to correct it.

What you have set out so succinctly gets to the base of much of soccer's problems in Australia.

So many play or take an interest in the game, then their interest lies out at senior level.

Soccer has so much to thank migrants for in this country for developing standards.

Yet top clubs are often one nationality so far as support is concerned.

For example, go from home to home around Sydney Olympic's Pratten Park headquarters at Ashfield and you will find a variety of people from countries of the Middle East and Europe.

Yet they usually will not go next door, as it

were, to see the top-class soccer match of Greek supported Olympic, the premier club of New South Wales.

If Anglo-Saxon support is left aside, we are still not even getting to other migrant groups either on a well-organised basis.

As you will realise, this point is not made to belittle the Greeks. No group in Australia is more knowledgeable over the standing and affairs of their team, but you cannot progress enough without appealing to larger sections of the populace in both city and country.

Appeal

Blacktown City's secretary Peter Thorne has well-directed views on how these sorts of prob-

lems can be met over the years.

His club is aiming for a type of district existence with general appeal which will make the Demons a model for other top clubs in the future.

Blacktown cannot command the home crowd potential of Sydney Olympic and Sydney Croatia but they are trying to maximise support.

After reaching the 1984 semi-finals they are still team-building.

On the promotion front they have engaged former England superstar Kevin Keegan, one of the most enterprising players of modern times, to make two guest appearances for the club this year.

There is a demand on television, radio and in the print media for more Australian soccer which is not being met.

In fact more education courses for club officials is another basic need in bringing soccer more to the fore.

Too often we are blinkered by our "Australian" or "ethnic" tags. Time goes on and old supporters inevitably move off the scene. More has to be done to secure the future.

Fortunately for our future, young players of migrant and local backgrounds are coming to the fore in gaining club places and then going on to represent their country at various levels.

Meanwhile, in our own way, we will try to meet Mr Creed's recommendations.

A little way along the track we will make space available to interest followers of soccer in country and city alike so that readers of Junior Scene can link up with the major Australian players and clubs.



THIS was the scene last season when Sydney Olympic Under 13 captain Peter Mellisourgos displayed the Mini Ampol Cup after his team had turned out 2-1 winners over Melita Eagles.

SLICKERS, MARCONI, DEMONS TO FORE

SYDNEY CITY (Group A), Marconi (Group B) and Blacktown City (Group C) are in leading positions at the end of Sunday's Under 13 Mini Ampol Cup round 5.

Furthest ahead are Blacktown City, who have amassed 10 points, with nearest rivals St George on six.

Sydney Olympic started out on Sunday with high hopes but a 1-1 draw with Illawarra followed by a 2-1 loss to Blacktown caused them to flounder.

Wins over Macarthur (5-0) and Ku-ring-gal (8-0) had them wondering about their potential but it seems that their newly-assembled outfit has yet to settle down.

Certainly they have unearthed a very talented midfielder in Alan Walsh.

Sydney City looks the part with a point lead over Gladesville in Group A. Sunday saw them claim 3-0 wins over Central Coast and Avala respectively.

In this division Apia slumped to a 1-0 loss to Southern Districts after downing Manly 6-0.

The team was unsettled by its first round loss to Sydney City, after which they put it all together against Central Coast (5-2) and Manly (6-0).

Cosach Frank La Macchia believes that stopper Jeremy Petterson, up from the junior club, and left winger Jason Anderson have definite talents.

Next Sunday's round 7 games will all be played one hour earlier than advertised to ensure that the light is satisfactory for the three late games.

ROUND 2 — Mon Jan 28:
GROUP A — Sydney City v Bankstown 4-1, Apia v Central Coast 5-2, Gladesville v Avala 2-0, Croatia v Manly 3-1, Southern Districts bye.

GROUP B — Marconi v Nepean 3-1, Sutherland v Nth Bankstown 6-1, Canterbury v Melita 1-1, Granville v Baulkham Hills 2-1, Blacktown City v Ku-ring-gal 8-0, Illawarra v Rockdale 5-2, Blacktown City v Macarthur 5-0, St George bye.

ROUND 3 — Wed Jan 30/Thu Jan 31:
GROUP A — Apia v Avala 2-0, Bankstown v Central Coast 1-1, Southern Districts v Croatia 3-0, Gladesville v Manly 4-1, Sydney City bye.

GROUP B — Marconi v Nth Bankstown 10-1, Canterbury v Granville 1-1, Baulkham Hills v Blacktown City 2-1, Sutherland v Melita 2-2, Nepean bye.

GROUP C — St George v Illawarra 3-1, Blacktown City v Rockdale 5-1, Ku-ring-gal v Macarthur 3-2, Sydney Olympic bye.

ROUND 4 — Sun Feb 3:
GROUP A — Central Coast v Sydney City 0-3, Gladesville v Southern Districts 3-2, Bankstown v Avala 0-2, Apia v Manly 6-0, Croatia bye.

GROUP B — Nth Bankstown v Nepean 2-4, Canterbury v Blacktown City 3-6, Sutherland v Granville 2-2, Marconi v Melita 4-0, Baulkham Hills bye.

GROUP C — Rockdale v Macarthur 3-0, Sydney Olympic v Illawarra 1-1, St George v Blacktown City 0-2, Ku-ring-gal bye.

ROUND 5 — Sun Feb 3:
GROUP A — Gladesville v Croatia 2-2, Avala v Sydney City 0-3, Apia v Southern Districts 0-1, Bankstown v Manly 5-0, Central Coast bye.

GROUP B — Canterbury v Baulkham Hills 0-2, Sutherland v Blacktown City 0-6, Melita v Nepean 1-4, Marconi v Granville 1-1, Nth Bankstown bye.

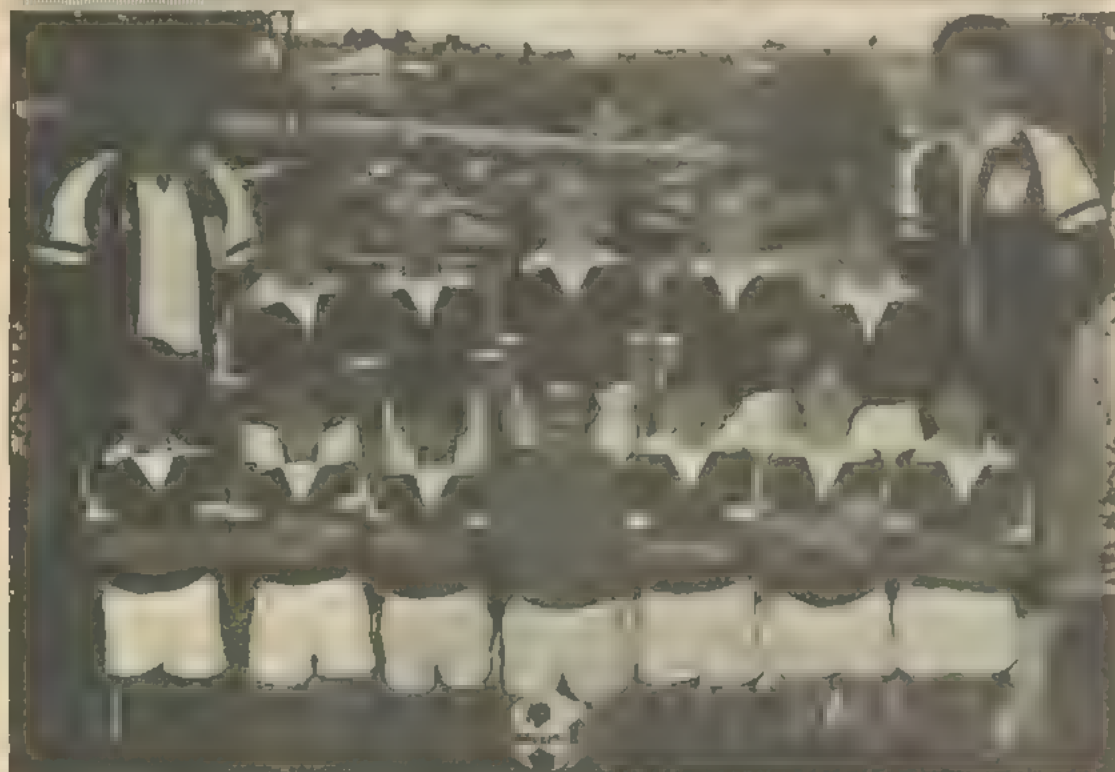
GROUP C — Illawarra v Ku-ring-gal 4-0, Sydney Olympic v Blacktown City 1-2, St George v Rockdale 2-1, Macarthur bye.

POINTS SCORES including round 5 (no points allocated for byes):
GROUP A: Sydney City 8, Gladesville 7, Southern Districts 5, Apia 5, Croatia 5, Bankstown 3, Central Coast 3, Avala 2, Manly 0.

GROUP B: Marconi 7, Sutherland 6, Blacktown City 6, Granville 5, Baulkham Hills 5, Nepean 4, Melita 3, North Bankstown 3, Canterbury 2.

GROUP C: Blacktown City 10, St George 8, Sydney Olympic 5, Illawarra 5, Ku-ring-gal 2, Rockdale 2, Macarthur 0.

NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL



NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL UNDER 8 — 1984:

BACK ROW: Mr L. Dagwell (coach), A. Stevens, L. Wood, D. Smith, D. Mason, P. Robinson, Mrs C. Jennings (manager). FRONT ROW: D. Maddison, R. Dagwell, M. Grainger, J. Jordon, P. Capellacci, B. Maddocks, S. Jennings.

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□ LOCAL ST George Building Society manager David Cadden, club and AWSA senior vice-president Frank Bertazzo with a group of young players and their trophies. Also pictured, the Dragon.

A BOOM TEAM

KNOWN as "The Boomers", Lavington Soccer Club enjoyed a great season in the Albury Wodonga Border district.

So much so that they are almost at loss to find space to store their many trophies.

Our artist has put pen to paper to show their difficulties at their floodlit ground.

Lavington's Under 11, 13 and 15 teams were all winners and the seniors and reserves were runners-up.



In addition, they scored sponsorship from the St George Building Society.

Club president Brian McBurnie said that 1985 will be another big year as their many junior players can only get better.

FRANK FINLAY



□ MERRYLANDS U9/1:
BACK ROW: John Senluk (coach), Fred Rupp (manager).
MIDDLE ROW: Jason Hodgins, Greg Rupp, Shane Borg, John Baker, Lorenzo Granata, Stuart Arber.
FRONT ROW: Scott Coombes, Bret Lyons, Andrew Wenberg, Andrew Senluk, Danny Atkinson, Michael Jeffery.

'MERRY' SEASON FOR TOP U9s

MERRYLANDS Under 9 Division 1 team had an outstanding 1984 season, with successes in both the NSW Champion of Champions series and the Granville Association competitions.

Coach John Senluk and manager Fred Rupp had every reason to be very proud of their groups.

In the Champion of Champions tournament, Merrylands went on their "merry" way to defeat Penrith SC 3-0, Liverpool Rangers 3-1, Wakehurst 6-1 and then Revesby Workers 2-0 in the final.

In the Granville District they scored 62 goals and conceded 18 in their 21 matches.

Undeclared as minor premiers, the Merrylands boys collected enough points to win the club's President's Shield.

For good measure they travelled to Umina and took out the Mayor Division KO against opposition drawn from both Sydney and the Central Coast.

In this competition they scored 16 goals and didn't let one in.

NSW AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION

February Calendar of Events

- Sat 2 State management committee meeting
- Sun 3 Mini Ampol Cup — rounds 4 & 5
Western NSW Branch MCM
- Tues 5 Mini Ampol Cup — round 6
- Wed 6 Balance of round 6
- Fri 8 Sydney Branch MCM
- Sun 10 Mini Ampol Cup — rounds 7 & 8
- Tues 12 Mini Ampol Cup — round 9
- Wed 13 Balance of round 9
- Fri 15 Nominations close for Under 12 Centenary Cup
World Youth Tournament St George Stadium 4.30pm, 6.15pm, 8.15pm
- Sun 17 Mini Ampol Cup — semi finals R1, 2 & 3
World Youth Tournament 1pm, 3pm, 5pm
- Wed 20 World Youth Tournament 4.30pm, 6.15pm, 8.15pm
- Sat 24 Level 1 & 2 coaching, courses at Parklea
- Sun 24 World Youth Tournament from 11-15, included Ampol Cup finals and Australia v Israel at 6.15 pm
Mini Ampol Cup Final at St George Stadium at 1pm
NB: All World Youth Championship (Oceania Elimination Series) matches between Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Fiji, Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) and Papua New Guinea have been set down for St George Soccer Stadium in Sydney.

— COMPILED BY BILL CULLINAN

REFS SHOW PLENTY OF INITIATIVE

GLADESVILLE-HORNSBY Soccer Referees Association is proud that Richard Lorenc, who began his career in the district, has worked his way through to FIFA badge standard.

Branch president Jim Smith commended Richard on his performance and said that it pointed the way ahead to youngsters who are beginning their refereeing careers.

Gladesville-Hornsby referees achieved a remarkable record last year.

Branch members refereed 94 per cent of senior and junior matches staged in the district, an enviable record indeed.

To keep up the task, local secretary Phil Hafey appealed for nomination of male and female referees from 14 years upward.

Phil, who has handled State League fixtures, heads the examination board.

Courses for aspiring referees are currently being held at Cherrybrook School. Later in the month a course will take place at Marsfield Community Church.

Further information is available from Don Sinclair 85 5797 or Phil Hafey 684 1237.

Mr Hafey pointed out that Gladesville-Hornsby has the third largest referees branch in the state.

He said: "Our members officiated at the Champion of Champions Under 21 final and the all-age semi-final."

"We have an excellent induction programme for new referees. After training we take an active and a personal interest in the progress of each of them."

Gladesville-Hornsby initiated the Fiji Project two years ago. Under the scheme, local referees and cadets visited Fiji and helped to set up a cadet referees system there.

Phil Hafey was recently in the news when the high school at which he is music master set up a programme of lawn bowls as a school sport.

His refereeing branch is pushing the equal opportunity barrow.

Last year women referees controlled one in eight of all games played in this large district association.



KURING-GAI 1984 U/12 METROPOLITAN REPRESENTATIVE TEAM
Back Row: Clynton Dunlop, Kevin Roberts, Alistair Spurr, Peter Clear (Coach)
Stuart Cosgrove, Jason Taylor, Seven Marando, Lucille Taylor (Manager)
Centre Row: Michael Da Silva, Justin Potts, Antony Burghart, Jason Lincoln
Halston Pratley, Andrew Jones, Adrian Birkenleigh
Front Row: (seated) Greg Herbert, Troy Sheather

Endeavour or Parklea?

ALL was not rosy in the garden over the Australian National Junior Council's choice of Endeavour Hostel at Coogee for the selection camp for the Australian Under 16 team.

The squad is being prepared to play in the first U16 World Cup in China from July 31 to August 11.

At least one senior official is adamant that Parklea would have been a better venue, citing the sandy and rough nature of the training ground at the hostel.

There is no doubt about his correctness on that point. The main Parklea ground has been top-dressed and prepared to the stage at which it is a picture to behold.

Endeavour's accommodation is superior at this stage, with excellent rooms with suitable bedding, wardrobes and cupboard space.

The meals there were excellent, although Parklea does well in this department as well.

Parklea can boast a soccer atmos-

phere, extra grounds, and indoor stadium and an on-the-spot swimming pool for relaxation.

There would be emergency back-up services as NSW director of coaching Allan Vest is regularly at hand.

Both facilities are admittedly worthwhile, but one must be the better and the position should be closely reviewed.

The Australian party will gather in Canberra for their next training session together.

Endeavour will, however, be put to good use during the World Youth Championship elimination series this month.

Israel representatives have already inspected the complex as the centre for their team.

SOCZEROO 16S DOWN TO 23

AUSTRALIAN Under 16 coach Vic Dalglish has dropped his World U16 Cup squad back to 23 players.

The lads who miss out are John Govan (Northern NSW) and Alex Eacott (Victoria).

Govan (pictured) is seen receiving the Turner Cup from donor Bill Turner at last season's final and receiving congratulations from Liverpool's Craig Johnston.

His school, Wallsend High, defeated Patrician Brothers College Fairfield 3-1 under floodlights at Macquarie Field, Speers Point in the Lake Macquarie district.

The squad is expected to be reduced to 18 players when they gather for a training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in the May School holidays.



CHURCHWARD AND ARNEIL RETIRE

TWO of the outstanding long-time servants of the NSW Amateurs' Sydney Branch have retired from office and will be greatly missed this year.

They are Eric Arneil and George Churchward, who also served the Bankstown and Nepean districts respectively for many years.

Both, however, remain involved with the NSW Soccer Federation.

Churchward also continues to hold the important post of treasurer of the NSW

Amateur Soccer Federation.

Howard Smith, who has returned to his former position as Granville District secretary, was elected competition secretary from a strong field which aimed to replace Bill Cullinan, who stood down.

Cullinan will still handle the state body's

competitions.

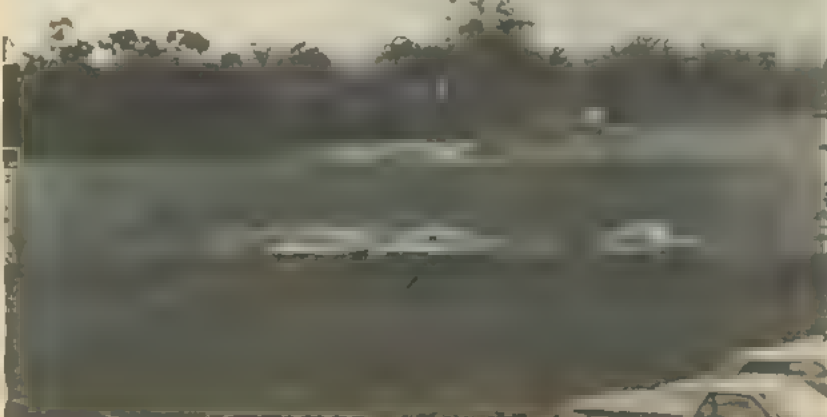
The other people who offered their services were John Wilson (Southern Districts), Bill Lodge (Ku-ring-gai), Barry Hore (Sutherland) and Eric Arneil.

Harrie Denning was re-elected president. Fred Bones was closely challenged for the secreta-

rial job but retained his post.

Dennis Rothwell (St George) is senior vice-president and Florence Stephenson junior vice-president.

Mrs Stephenson has been one of the leaders of the Illawarra District Soccer Football Association and has been serving as president.



THE outlook over two of four Parklea fields which are in regular use.



INDOOR soccer, basketball, exercises etc, can be played in the large Parklea auditorium.

QUEENSLAND EXPANSION

THE Queensland Junior Soccer Council apparently has a well-established motto — "Divide and multiply".

Once again a new zone has been created, even if the new name is just a bit hard to fathom.

The North Queensland zone remains, but the southern position of it has become the 10th zone under the name "Southern North Queensland".

Mackay is its biggest centre.

Not long ago the Gold Coast and hinterland (now South East Queensland) and Toowoomba and West (now South West Queensland) were parted.

The changes have no doubt helped to reduce

travelling distances for teams.

Queensland has more than 25,000 registered juniors, a little below the 1981 peak.

Coaching services are the most widespread in Australia, with professionals on location in major centres.

Richard Evans, formerly in charge of Wollongong City youth team, is at Rockhampton.

Jim Foley, the former Northern NSW director of coaching, left Newcastle for Cairns.



ERIC ARNEIL



GEORGE CHURCHWARD



HARRIE DENING



FRED BONES

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Our Valentine!

CHARLES VALENTINE is well known as the father-figure behind the invaluable Parklea development, but less is known of the work of the partner in the enterprise, Mrs Joan Valentine.

With untiring courtesy and industry, she works behind the scenes to keep the tucker up to the hordes of youngsters who frequent the area for matches and coaching camps.

When we came upon her recently she was snatching a bite of lunch — but it was two hours late.

Youngsters and officials would do well to recognise the tremendous job she puts in for their benefit.

She deserves every bit of credit that everyone should give her for her attention and assistance to the youngsters connected with the code.



DESPONDENT SELBY LOSES NATIONAL COACHING JOB

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JIM SELBY, Australian women's national coach since 1976, was recently replaced by Queensland state coach **Fred Robins**.

Feeling a little despondent with the whole soccer scene, Selby was sceptical about putting his application in for re-election.

But just before the closing date for nominations, friends of Jim's persuaded him to re-apply.

Selby's application arrived in the mail after the closing date, and consequently wasn't considered at the AWSA's AGM early last month.

I contacted a somewhat disheartened and bewildered Selby at his home in Queensland for a short chat about his last assignment with Australia in Taiwan for the World Women's Invitational Tournament in December.

Selby, employed as a regional director of coaching in Bundaberg, is married to Connie (a former international player) and they have two children, James (5) and David (11 months).

Born on June 5, 1952, in the Sydney suburb of Botany (an area where two of Australia's greatest players, Johnny Watkins and Johnny Warren, grew up), Selby was destined to become involved with soccer.

Though never a world champion as a junior, this did not deter Selby's passion for the code.

Conscious of the STD charges our Telecom friends hit us with, I tried to keep the conversation short. But whenever the two of us start talking about soccer (what else is there?), time goes out the window.

I shot a few questions at Australia's former coach, and the conversation went something like this:

Q: How long had you held the national coaching position?

A: Since 1976, but I didn't take a team overseas till 1978, and that was to the very first World Invitational Tournament in Taiwan. We came sixth.

Q: Over the years as national coach, what countries have impressed you most?

A: Italy, West Ger-

many, China and both the Taiwan sides we met recently.

Q: Whilst national coach the past eight years, what players have you rated very highly?

A: Julie Dolan, Kim Lembryk, Pat O'Connor, Susan Monteath, Cindy Heydon (when she really applied herself and wasn't lazy), Rose Van Bruinessen and Connie my wife.

Q: What is basically wrong with Australian women's soccer?

A: Certainly not the players. The talent is definitely here. It is the people who are involved with women's soccer that is the problem.

You see, they don't know how to get the players to perform at high levels of competition, yet these same people are making the decisions for the code.

We left for Taiwan with one hour's preparation. Yet when we were over there, I spoke to other coaches. They told me they had been preparing their teams for three months, some for as long as six months before arriving in Taiwan. That's just one example.

Q: How can this be improved?

A: Simple. By people taking on jobs specific to their expertise and also eventually getting former national players into these positions. Players already know what is required for the code and how players want to be treated.

As it stands now, these people holding positions just don't know how to treat top-line players.

Q: What impressed you most in Taiwan?

A: The Taiwan teams. Both of them. I admired their technique, discipline, top class coaches, with well prepared programmes. Also I was impressed by the West German team's organisation.

Off the pitch, it was a superb tournament. The colour, organisation, presentation, etc. Fabulous.

Q: Who performed well for Australia in



□ JIM SELBY: former national coach.

Taiwan?

A: Susan Monteath did well in most games. I would have to say that our goalkeeper Vicky Salmons also had a good tour.

Q: You missed being re-elected as Australia's national coach for 1985. How do you feel about it?

A: Well obviously they wanted a change. And it could be a very good thing you know. But naturally I feel a bit disappointed. I honestly feel I'm coaching much better now than ever before. My application for selection was late and missed the deadline. But this was because I was hesitant to re-apply in the first instance.

Q: What were some of your main regrets during the eight years you were Australia's national coach?

A: Not being able to continue with certain programmes I had formulated for the future. Everything now has gone down the chute.

Q: In your opinion, has the Australian women's soccer scene improved since 1976?

A: I think it has a little. It certainly peaked around 1978-79 and since then levelled off a little. It was going in the right direction, but the last two years or so have been fairly stagnant. The lower levels and States have improved. For example

Tasmania, ACT, Northern Territory.

Q: As national coach, what did you look for in an international player?

A: Attitude, first and foremost. Then she must be hungry to play for Australia and of course must have ability, technique and pace.

Q: Do you think you were a little lenient to some players on tour?

A: Maybe. Yes I think so, but not always. But with the



□ FRED ROBINS: chosen to replace Selby.



□ SELBY (right) at a training session with the Australian women's team.

people you are working with on tour, I think you have to be a little lenient.

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So the curtain has come down on the "Jim Selby era" but ASW will continue to bring you his thoughts on women's soccer this year.

In coming weeks I will talk to Fred Robins, Australia's new master of women's soccer.



□ KRISTEN THEILE

□ SUSAN MONTEATH



□ MANDI LANGLAAR, Australia's new defender from NSW, and centre-back from the Sydney club, Killarney.

Mandi made her debut for Australia when she travelled to Taiwan with the national team and played at right-back as well as left-back.

Playing for the Killarney club with Mandi are Australia's goalkeeper Vicky Salmons, defender Kristen Theile and striker Leigh Wardell.

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ITALIANS RUSH FOR IAN

ALTHOUGH it has been reported that AS Roma are going to buy Ian Rush for a staggering \$6,000,000, other Italian clubs might even outbid Roma.

Juventus, tourists to Australia last year, are also great admirers of Rush.

In fact, after Juventus beat Liverpool in Turin in the European Super Cup, Giampiero Boniperti, president of Juve, went into Liverpool's dressing room to

ask the talented Welshman: "When will you be joining us?"

There is no doubt the Italian clubs are anxious

to remove restrictions on the use of foreign footballers.

They are restricted now to two per team

and, even with those restrictions, the Italians have grabbed just about every great star in the world!



IT IS NO JOKE — TELE'S THE MAN

AT last — it's official. Tele Santana has been appointed coach of Brazil's international squad for the next World Cup.

There was never much doubt that the man who guided the super 1982 Brazilians during the World Cup in Spain would have to be recalled.

Santana has now been given his release from the fabulously-paid coaching job in Saudi Arabia and will take over Brazilian duties on April 1.

An interesting date — but Tele is no fool!

MARADONA'S DEBTS

DIEGO MARADONA would have to be the highest-paid footballer of all time, even though he doesn't always give the fans value for money.

Bearing in mind the enormous cash Maradona picked up in moves from Argentina to Spain and on to Italy, would anyone seriously suggest he is hard up?

SHOOT magazine does. According to SHOOT, Maradona is \$6,000,000 in debt and has now sacked his personal manager.

NO VALUE, DESPITE BIG BUYS

MONEY cannot always buy football success, although it obviously helps.

After the unprecedented buying spree by just about every club in Italy last year, the fans in that lucky country were entitled to expect nothing but super soccer.

Statistics, however, indicate they are not getting great value for all the money that's been spent.

In the first division this season, the goalscoring rate has slumped by 25 percent.

When you think about all the cash spent to lure the likes of Platini, Hateley, Falcao, Zico, Francis, Maradona and Rummenigge to Italy, it is strange that goalscoring has become so difficult.



PLATINI (left) in action for his Italian club, Juventus.

WORLD RESULTS

GREECE

Egaleo v Apo Kal	1-0
Apo v Ofi	2-0
Aris v Pao	3-0
Doxa v Larisa	2-2
Ethnikos v Pierikos	3-1
Iraklis v Aek	1-0
Panikos v Panionios	4-1
Penachaki v Olympiakos	3-1

W D L F A Pts

Pao	12	3	2	29	14	27
Panikos	10	4	3	38	17	24
Aek	8	6	3	32	19	22
Olympiakos	10	2	5	27	13	22
Iraklis	10	2	5	27	12	22
Panionios	7	7	3	21	14	21
Larisa	8	4	5	33	22	20

HOLLAND

Nac Breda v Feyenoord	1-3
PSV v G.E. Eagles	3-1
Pec Zwolle v Fortuna	0-2
Haarlem v Den Bosch	2-1
Volendam v Groningen	0-3
Roda JC v Utrecht	3-0
Twente v AZ '67	2-2
MVV v Ajax	1-3
Sp R'dam v Exc R'dam	4-0

W D L F A Pts

PSV	11	6	0	50	17	28
Ajax	13	2	1	50	20	28
Feyenoord	11	2	3	47	23	24
Groningen	9	5	3	34	18	23
Twente	8	4	5	33	29	20

SCOTTISH CUP DRAW

(Matches to be played on Saturday, February 16):
Ayr v Cowdenbeath or St Mirren, Stranraer or Stenhousemuir or Queen of South v Dundee United or Hibernians, Rangers v St Johnstone or Dundee, Celtic v Inverness Thistle or Kilmarnock, Meadowbank Thistle v Motherwell, Raith or Clyde v Aberdeen, Brechin v Hearts, Forfar or Clydebank v Airdrieonians or Falkirk.

LEADING SCORERS

DIVISION ONE:
28 — Kerry Dixon (Chelsea)
21 — Graeme Sharp (Everton), Gary Bannister (QPR), Mark Falco (Tottenham)
DIVISION TWO:
22 — John Aldridge (Oxford)
17 — Billy Hamilton (Oxford), Paul Wilkinson (Grimsby)

FRANCE

Bordeaux v Brest	3-0
Bastia v Nantes	1-1
Auxerre v Lille	5-0
Tours v Toulon	0-1
Lens v Toulouse	0-0
Rouen v Laval	2-0
Racing Paris v Strasbourg	2-2
Marseille v Paris-SG	3-1
Sochaux v Monaco	1-2
Metz v Nancy	2-2

W D L F A Pts

Bordeaux	15	5	2	43	17	37
Nantes	15	4	4	38	20	34
Auxerre	11	8	4	36	20	30
Toulon	13	3	7	31	24	29
Metz	11	5	7	30	33	27

SPAIN

Betis v Hercules	1-0
Sociedad v Valencia	4-1
Osasuna v Barcelona	1-2
Espanol v Sporting	2-2
Re Madrid v Bilbao	2-2
Zaragoza v Seville	4-1
Malaga v Racing	2-0
Murcia v At Madrid	0-1
Elecha v Valladolid	1-1

CHARITY MATCH WAS A FREEZER

WEST GERMANY looked a very ordinary outfit when they lost 1-0 to Hungary in Hamburg.

The match was for charity, proceeds going to victims of the Hamburg harbour disaster.

Players in both teams were trying to get over the winter break and this may have had something to do with

the poor standard of football.

Also, the cold and drizzle didn't help much.

Hungary's full-back Zoltan Peter scored the only goal, with some help from a jittery German defence.

LOZANO ATTACKS SPANISH GAME

JUAN LOZANO admits he is very unhappy playing for Real Madrid in the Spanish first division.

Signed from Anderlecht only 18 months ago for a huge \$1,600,000, Lozano cannot wait to return to Belgium.

set-up, Lozano said: "I used to enjoy playing football before I came here. But football in Spain is too violent."

"Nobody cares about anything except the points at stake. As

soon as my contract expires next year, I'm quitting Real Madrid."

Of course it should be noted that the player said his piece just after Real coach Amancio Amaro had dropped him!

TERRY WAS LIAM'S AT HOME

BARCELONA boss Terry Venables is very upset about a con trick played on him by one of his top players.

The player is international forward Quini. He announced his retirement after three years with Barcelona, so Venables arranged a testimonial match which produced nearly \$40,000 in gate receipts.

Quini pocketed the pesetas and headed for Gijon where he emerged from "retirement" only five weeks after his testimonial.

LIAM BRADY loves playing international matches for the Republic of Ireland — even when the games are only friendlies.

He will turn out in his beloved Dublin tonight (Tuesday) when Ireland meets Italy.

There is plenty of talent in the Irish squad including top English First Division players Chris Hughton, Mark Lawrenson, Kevin Moran, David O'Leary, Paul McGrath, Ronnie Whelan, Kevin Sheedy and Frank Stapleton.

JAIRZINHO IN DEMAND

PERU want to appoint Brazilian Jairzinho as national coach.

Jairzinho was one of

the truly great performers in the 1970 World Cup in Mexico, scoring in every match as Brazil won the Cup.

UK Scene

WEBB'S BIG FEE



NEIL WEBB (pictured) Portsmouth's unhappy forward, is on QPR's shopping list but the London club believes he is over-priced.

Portsmouth are asking \$600,000 for the player.

"We want him — but not at that price," said a QPR official.

Webb played for England in the 1981 World Youth Championship Finals in Australia.



□ CHARLIE NICHOLAS: "Don't be daft".

KENDALL NUDGE FOR ROBSON

PLENTY of people still refuse to believe Everton are a serious First Division title threat.

In particular, England manager Bobby Robson rarely selects Everton players.

So Howard Kendall, the Everton boss, has gently nudged Robson with a statement at a sports writers' luncheon, saying: "I have six England players in my team but none has been capped at a senior level."

"I know they have what it takes because they delight and excite me every day in training."

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Wolves lose Doog

CHAIRMAN Derek Dougan and director John Starkey have both resigned from the Wolverhampton board.

Troubled Wolves can do little right and a drop to the Third Division is freely predicted for this famous old club.

It is rumoured that Allied Properties, who own Wolves, are negotiating to sell the club, but this has been denied.

Help from fans

IPSWICH TOWN appealed to their fans to help get their frost and snow-bound ground ready for a home game against QPR.

The response was excellent. More than 300 turned up to start shovelling and the pitch was cleared in quick time.



□ HOWARD KENDALL: backing his players.

MARINELLO'S WARNING TO NICHOLAS

CHARLIE NICHOLAS is far from settled at Highbury where, despite the improvement in his form, some people regard his playboy image as something Arsenal could do without.

Arsenal is a club which likes to insist on strict discipline on and off the field. Some of his exploits have been contrary to the Arsenal image.

Another talented Scot, Peter Marinello, has now warned Charlie: "Don't be as daft as me."

Marinello was only 19 when he left Edinburgh for Arsenal and was hailed as Britain's latest superstar: that was 15 years ago.

Says Marinello: "I was earning as much off the field as I was for playing. There was advertising, modelling and a newspaper column."

"And most of all, there were hangers-on. You think the good life will never end but it can finish quickly."

Arsenal did not take long to decide Marinello was not for them and he moved on to Portsmouth.

Today, Peter Marinello, who, by the way, played as a guest for Canberra City, works 16 hours a day, six days a week, running a public house in Scotland.

MISSING MAGIC

WHEN Coventry City signed Cyrille Regis from West Brom, it seemed they had made one of the top buys of the season.

Now opinions are changing. The big black centre-forward is not producing much magic for relegation-haunted Coventry.

A couple of years ago, Regis was one of the best strikers in the game and it is a mystery how that excellent form has deserted him.

The adulation, glamour and big football money is far removed for Marinello now.



□ CYRILLE REGIS

UK TABLES

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	25	16	4	5	57	29	52
Tottenham	25	14	6	5	51	27	48
Man. United	25	13	5	7	48	30	44
Arsenal	25	13	4	8	46	32	43
Southampton	26	12	7	7	34	28	43
Sheff. Wed.	25	11	9	5	40	25	42
Liverpool	25	10	9	6	34	23	39
Notts Forest	24	12	3	9	37	34	39
Chelsea	25	9	10	6	41	30	37
Norwich	26	10	6	10	31	35	36
West Bromwich	26	10	5	11	37	38	35
Aston Villa	25	9	7	9	36	39	34
West Ham	24	8	8	8	31	35	32
QPR	26	7	10	9	32	43	31
Leicester	25	8	6	11	43	46	30
Watford	24	7	8	9	45	46	29
Sunderland	25	8	5	12	30	36	29
Newcastle	25	7	8	10	38	50	29
Coventry	26	7	4	15	27	47	25
Ipswich	24	5	7	12	22	35	22
Luton	24	5	7	12	29	45	22
Stoke	25	2	6	17	17	53	12

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	26	16	5	5	43	23	53
Chesterfield	26	14	8	4	42	25	50
Blackpool	26	14	7	5	41	24	49
Hereford	25	14	6	5	40	20	48
Peterbor.	27	14	5	8	38	31	47
Colchester	26	13	7	6	55	42	46
Darlington	23	12	9	2	32	16	45
Tranmere	26	13	1	12	47	41	40
Crewe	26	11	5	10	36	37	38
Swindon	26	11	5	10	35	36	38
Port Vale	26	9	8	9	37	35	35
Hartlepool	25	9	8	8	30	32	35
Mansfield	24	8	8	8	19	16	32
Scunthorpe	23	8	7	8	35	31	31
Southern	27	7	7	13	39	59	28
Aldershot	25	7	6	12	32	39	27
Stockport	23	7	6	10	31	39	27
Exeter	25	6	8	11	32	44	26
Chester	25	6	7	12	28	37	25
Rochdale	23	6	7	10	23	32	25
Northampton	26	7	2	17	34	49	23
Halifax	23	7	2	14	31	37	23
Torquay	26	4	8	14	24	42	20
Wrexham	24	5	4	15	38	45	19

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford	22	15	4	3	52	18	49
Blackburn	25	14	7	4	48	24	49
Man. City	26	14	7	5	42	21	49
Birmingham	24	15	4	5	34	21	49
Portsmouth	25	11	9	5	39	33	42
Leeds	25	12	5	8	46	30	41
Barnsley	23	10	9	4	26	15	39
Fulham	25	12	3	10	45	44	39
Shrewsbury	25	10	8	7	46	37	38
Grimby	25	11	4	10	47	42	37
Huddersfield	25	11	4	10	33	36	37
Brighton	24	10	6	8	24	19	36
Wimbledon	25	9	5	11	43	52	32
Sheff. United	26	6	10	10	39	42	28
Carlisle	24	8	4	12	24	35	28
Charlton	25	7	6	12	32	37	27
Oldham	24	7	5	12	26	44	26
Middlesbrough	25	6	6	13	29	40	24
Crystal Palace	23	5	8	10	28	36	23
Wolves	26	6	5	15	30	52	23
Notts County	26	4	5	17	22	52	17
Cardiff	24	4	4	16	27	52	16

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	25	19	3	3	59	17	41
Celtic	22	14	5	3	50	20	33
Rangers	25	10	10	6	33	23	30
Dundee United	23	12	4	7	40	25	28
St Mirren	24	11	3	10	29	36	25
Hearts	23	10	2	11	29	36	22
Dundee	22	6	5	11	29	34	17
Dumbarton	24	5	6	13	25	39	16
Hibernian	25	5	5	15	23	44	15
Morton	23	4	1	18	21	64	9

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clydebank	23	12	6	5	36	24	30
Hamilton	26	12	6	8	33	31	30
Motherwell	25	12	5	8	38	29	29
Airdrie	23	12	4	7	43	28	28
Forfar	24	10	8	6	41	29	28
East Fife	26	9	9	8	43	35	27
Falkirk	24	11	4	9	48	44	26
Brechin	25	11	4	10	36	37	26
Clyde	25	8	9	8	35	34	25
Ayr	23	7	7	9	29	35	21
Partick	25	7	6	12	30	40	20
Kilmarnock	25	7	6	12	23	42	20
St John's	24	7	3	14	36	46	17
Mothershead	26	4	9	13	32	49	17

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	26	17	5	4	44	21	56
Gillingham	25	14	4	7	46	39	46
Hull	25	12	9	4	41	27	45
Bournemouth	26	13	6	7	31	22	45
Rotherham	26	13	5	8	36	31	44
Millwall	25	12	7	6	41	28	43
Bristol Rovers	26	12	6	8	41	32	42
Reading	26	12	5	9	42	40	41
York	25	12	4	9	45	34	40
Bristol City	25	11	6	8	40	32	39
Derby County	26	11	6	9	40	34	39
Bolton	27	11	3	13	45	37	36
Walsall	24	9	9	6	30	27	36
Wigan	26	9	9	8	30	33	36
Doncaster	25	10	4	11	41	40	34
Brentford	26	9	7	10	32	37	34
Newport	26	8	8	10	32	35	32
Plymouth	25	7	7	11	38	46	28
Lincoln	24	6	9	9	28	26	27
Burnley	24	6	7	11	37	40	25
Orient	26	7	3	16	28	48	24
Preston	25	6	4	15	31	59	22
Swansea	26	5	5	16	28	51	20
Cambridge	25	3	4	18	20	48	13

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alloa	24	14	7	3	40	18	35
Montrose	23	15	3	5	36	24	33
Dunfermline	22	10	7	5	36	23	27
Cowdenhoth	22	10	5	7	42	26	25
Stranraer	22	9	5	8	35	34	23
Stenhouse	22	8	7	7	24	28	23
Queens Park	24	9	4	11	34	37	22
Ruth	22	8	5	9	33	33	21
Stirling	22	8	10	7	34	29	20
Berwick	22	5	9	8	23	34	19
Queen of S	22	5	8	9	25	32	18
Arbroath	24	6	6	12	22	42	18
East Stirling	21	3	8	10	24	38	14
Albion	20	6	2	12	20	40	14

